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COMMENT OF THE DAY

EDC Showdown

THE treaty founding the European Defence Community was signed in Paris in May, 1952 by France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. It has thus taken France and her fellow EDC signatory nations exactly 807 days to come to a showdown on the treaty. Unless the French National Assembly makes a dramatic reversal of its present stand, the chances of French participation are remote. At the moment the treaty has been thrown in the melting pot. Europe, Britain and America will watch anxiously for the French National Assembly vote on August 28. If the Assembly fails to ratify EDC in its present form, Europe will wait for a new Anglo-British lead on European defence and two things seem certain: West Germany will be given at least limited sovereignty and America will carry out her threat of a "drastic reappraisal" of her policies towards France. Can EDC survive without France? Theoretically it is possible but not likely. At any rate it would involve re-ratification of the treaty by the other five nations involved, which is not favoured.

GERMAN rearmament is inevitable either under EDC or if it fails to materialise. Under both, its rearmament would be controlled. But in the event of a reunification of Germany there is no certainty the new state would continue its allegiance to the Western defence alliance. Since France cannot prevent German rearmament what does it stand to gain by refusing to ratify EDC? It is possible to give only specific objections to the treaty itself: an army integrated with others loses its soul, so the argument goes, and a country integrated in a formal European community loses its identity as a nation. Or, in other words, a country ceases to be a great power when it loses full sovereignty over its national army. This might suggest that an important motive behind the French stand is a desire to see the country continue as a great power.

EVEN French protagonists of EDC concede the era of power politics is not at an end. France, they support, may one day be confronted with the need to bring pressure on Spain threatening her administration in Morocco. Under EDC she would be unable to do so, however, because her metropolitan armies would be under the orders of a French command. Undoubtedly she may lose greater advantages by remaining outside the treaty, but nevertheless these objections were once the rallying cries of a small hard core of opponents who today become almost national objections. And the future? Perhaps some new form of joint Western defence can be arranged. A move by Russia would not be surprising, either. Even now the Kremlin must be considering whether it is worthwhile calling for free all-German elections in return for the absolute assurance there would be no EDC. No bargain like that would ever be offered but if Russia proposed the immediate reunification of Germany she knows in advance that France would have nothing further to do with EDC. That would seal the doom of the treaty and hinder Western plans for European defence. This drastic step may not be necessary, however, for the French Assembly may reject EDC next week without any Russian intervention whatsoever.

CHURCHILL URGED FRANCO-GERMAN ALLIANCE

In Talks With Mendes-France

Washington, Aug. 23. Reliable sources indicated that Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill urged the French Premier, M. Mendes-France to conclude a defensive alliance with Germany which would have the backing of the United States and Britain.

The sources understood that Sir Winston was prepared to tell M. Mendes-France the only alternative to the European Defence Community treaty would be a Franco-German alliance with a United States and British guarantee that would probably take the form of promising to let their forces remain on the continent of Europe while it was in force.

M. Mendes-France, the sources explained, made up his mind at Brussels to hurry to London to see Sir Winston when he was informed of Sir Winston's cable to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in which the British Premier said: "Your statesmanship will not be denied its reward."

They said this finally convinced M. Mendes-France that, for the first time in history, developments had come close to isolating France from the free world and this had led to the free world supporting Western Germany.

The sources said that if M. Mendes-France had abandoned the EDC treaty, as is widely believed in the administration here, and if he did not enter into some alliance with Germany, then the United States and Britain were prepared to grant Germany sovereign rights in September.

They said if France should refuse to accept this suggestion, then Dr Adenauer might say Germany could no longer wait for French approval and this German stand would probably be tacitly approved by the United States and Britain.

They understood that Germany would then become a member of NATO, which would give her far more military liberty than under the EDC treaty.—United Press.

US Counter-Offensive

Washington was reliably reported to be planning an all-out diplomatic counter-offensive to persuade M. Mendes-France to abandon his strategy in favour of the treaty, which has been ratified by four of France's partners—West Germany and the Benelux countries—and almost certain to be approved by the fifth, Italy.

The Socialist pro-EDC faction, led by Party leader Guy Mollet, the treaty's champions among the Conservative Independents headed by former Premier Paul Reynaud, and Antoine Pinay, and the Roman Catholic Popular Republican group (MRP)—these and others were busily formulating means to save the project.

The primary American objective in Europe—the European Defence Community (EDC)—will be killed in the French National Assembly, by early next week, and German rearmament will be indefinitely deferred unless M. Mendes-France succeeds in convincing his Cabinet to adopt his plan. M. Mendes-France will submit the controversial EDC treaty to the Assembly as scheduled for an August 28-31 debate. Ask the Assembly to be master of France's destiny by pronouncing the final yes or no without any recommendation from the government—without the Premier making it a confidence question.

SEPARATE EDC Separate the EDC treaty from its twin, the Bonn peace treaty restoring sovereignty to Germany. Request the Chamber to approve the peace treaty giving the Federal Republic her independence but withholding the right to rearm.

Although M. Mendes-France refused to comment on his long first reports reaching Paris from his advisers said nothing the Premier had heard had convinced him to alter his plans.

Even American officials conceded privately that if M. Mendes-France did not throw his enormous prestige behind the EDC, its ratification next week was "practically impossible."

three years, to risk his political neck on behalf of a pact drafted and negotiated by his worst political enemies, the former Defence Minister, Rene Pleven; and the former Foreign Minister, Georges Bidault.

It was also granted by interested diplomats and by EDC backers that even if he made the EDC its ratification next week was "practically impossible."

Egyptian Officer Says 'Goodbye' To Commandos



British soldiers, some of the 2,000 that have left the Suez Canal Zone since the Anglo-Egyptian agreement, shake hands with an Egyptian Army Officer before leaving. Men of the Royal Marine Commando Units left Port Said in the cruiser Glasgow for Malta. And men of the 1st Battalion the South Lancashire Regiment, the 2nd Battalion the Parachute Regiment embarked for Britain.—London Express Photo.

Did Dr Summerskill Invite Malenkov To London?

Rene MacColl, London Daily Express correspondent travelling with the British labour party delegation in China reported today that Dr Edith Summerskill had invited Mr Malenkov, Soviet Premier, to visit Britain next Spring. Yesterday American newspaper columnist Drew Pearson reported that Mr Attlee had extended the invitation.

According to France-Press reports from Peking, however, "circles close to the British delegation" denied reports that Mr Attlee had invited Mr Malenkov.

Here is MacColl's version:

Peking, Aug. 23. More than a bouquet of flowers passed between Mr Malenkov and Dr Edith Summerskill during the British delegation's stay in Moscow. For Dr Summerskill in her capacity as the next Chairman of the Labour Party's National Executive Committee asked Mr Malenkov if he'd like to visit Britain as the guest of the Labour Party next year.

Dr Summerskill is thought certain to succeed Mr Wilfred Burke as the Chairman of National Executive at next month's annual Labour Party conference.

Mr Malenkov gave Dr Edith her big bouquet on the first night of the party's stay in Moscow. The next night when Mr Malenkov dined as the principal guest at the British Embassy, she was ready to reciprocate, and invited him to London. "Perhaps in Spring?"

"WITH PLEASURE" Mr Malenkov twinkled and said he would consider her invitation "with pleasure."

Other members of the delegation were not too enthusiastic when they heard about it. But delegation members looked shocked and horrified when informed tonight that a minor at Tongshan coal-mine which they visited yesterday had been summarily tried by the People's Court and then publicly executed only two or three days before Messrs Attlee and Co. turned up. Indeed it is believed the Labour Party passed within a few yards of the spot where the execution took place.

Asked if they would have cancelled their visit to the mine if they had known about the public execution, one member of the delegation said it was a hypothetical question.

But discussing the question of the Chinese People's Court generally, another member of the party gave it as his opinion that it smacked of "lynch law". Meanwhile, behind-the-scenes talks regarding a possible alternative to SEATO go forward busily. The Chinese told Mr Attlee they are anxious to resume talks aimed at a Korean peace treaty and that they want a general pact of non-

aggression and mutual assistance for Asia.

To this would belong the Colombo powers, Indonesia, China, Britain and perhaps France.

Three Tropical Storms Reported

Three tropical storm warnings have been received by the Meteorological Office at Kai Tak. A tropical storm warning from Guam was received at 2322 GMT. The position given was 12.4° N, and 146.7° E.

Moving west-north-west at 12 knots, the maximum wind speed at centre being 60 knots.

A second warning was received at 2400 GMT from Manila giving the position of the storm as 20.0° N, and 127.0° E. The maximum wind speed at centre being 45 knots the storm is moving west-north-west at 5 knots.

A third warning from Japan at 2400 GMT said a storm was centred at 27.2° N, 128.3° E. Maximum wind speed was 35 knots. It was moving NW by West at 20 knots.

Without War

Once such a pact was signed, the Chinese urge, there would be a general relaxation of tension in the Far East and these various nations could get on with the job of "killing their own back yards."

The Chinese are banking heavily on Labour winning the next British elections and they think they see in Mr Attlee a fairly firm supporter of many of their hopes.

The Chinese spokesmen from Chou continue to say with an increasing violence of language that Formosa must be regained at all costs. And it is significant that many members of the Labour delegation are saying they believe Formosa will be under Communist Chinese rule within the next five years and without a major war.—London Express Service.

DARING CENTRAL DISTRICT THEFT

Foki Stabbed, Robbed Of \$5,000

A daring daylight robbery just before noon today resulted in a shop foki being stabbed badly and robbed of over \$5,000 in Queen's Road Central.

The 39-year-old foki, Wong Wing-keung, had just drawn \$4,000 odd from the Western Branch of the Bank of Canton, 10 Bonham Strand, West, for his shop, the name of which is not known at present.

Airliner Crashes In North Sea: 21 Believed Dead

Amsterdam, Aug. 23. A Dutch, DC-6B luxury liner, inbound from New York plunged mysteriously into the rain-swept North Sea today and all 21 persons aboard, including seven Americans, were believed killed.

Disaster apparently struck so suddenly that the pilot, already letting down for a landing at Schiphol Airport outside Amsterdam, had no time to radio an SOS.

The headquarters of the KLM Royal Dutch Airline announced tonight that the 12 passengers including three women and two children and nine members of the crew were given up as lost, but the search of the coastal waters would go on through the night.

One unidentified body was recovered from the choppy sea where white cushions and other wreckage marked the scene of the plunge 30 miles from the journey's end after a 3,000-mile flight.

At one stage of the efforts to identify the victims, KLM reported that two passengers had boarded the aircraft at Shannon, Ireland, the only stop on the way. But the line said later that they were accounted for otherwise. Eight Americans and one other person had left the doomed plane at Shannon.

R.A.F. VETERAN The pilot was Captain Charles Harmon, 36, a veteran of the Royal Air Force. The rest of the crew including Stewardess Magdalena van der Mark, were Dutch.

Airport authorities at Shannon heard a report that the DC-6B collided in the air near Imboden with a DC-3 transport, but the Dutch authorities said they found no corroboration and no evidence that a DC-3 was missing.

The liner rose from the Shannon runway at 0924 GMT for the relatively short flight across the Dutch Channel, England and Amsterdam, where it was due at 1152 GMT.

Nineteen minutes before landing time, the plane sent its last message. "Not urgent," it confirmed receipt of the latest word on the weather from Schiphol Tower, where rain was beating down. It gave its position as 27 nautical miles off Imboden on the coast.

DISASTER STRUCK Immediately thereafter disaster struck so suddenly that the disintegration of the plane, an automatic procedure in case of trouble, was never sent.

For hours KLM did not know what had become of the plane, but by dusk a fleet of surface vessels was radiating regular reports of debris found in the heaving gray water. One

fishing vessel reported a huge oil patch. Others said they had picked up checkbooks, suitcases, personal belongings and aircraft equipment.

The fishing vessel Bellefleur found KLM cushions floating in the area where the boat Texel sent a message that it had sighted an empty life raft bobbing in the sea.—United Press.

US 'Brushes' With Reds Reported

New York, Aug. 23. The Washington correspondent of the New York Post, Robert Allen, reported today that United States naval forces guarding Formosa and other Chinese Nationalist islands had "already had several brushes" with the Chinese Communists.

"None of these unpublished incidents involved shooting—but that was only because the Reds didn't fire. If they had, there would have been instant retaliation," he said.

Allen added that the most recent encounter was near some small offshore islands held by the Nationalists.

"The Communists suddenly began shelling them heavily in apparent preparation for an assault. The Nationalist Commander called for reinforcements. As they were being rushed over United States aircraft carriers also appeared on the scene."

"One of the carriers and her escorting craft sailed within range of the Communist guns. But they did not fire on the American ships. The Nationalist reserves were landed without trouble. The Reds, if they had intended a raid, abandoned it. The carriers continued their patrol for a while and turned left."

"These islands have not been disturbed since." United States defence officials were not taking lightly the threats against Formosa by the Chinese. Prime Minister, Mr Chou En-lai, Mr Allen said.—Reuter.

John Landy Says 'I'm Finished With Serious Running'

Macoll, Switzerland, Aug. 23. John Landy, world record holder for the mile, announced today he was "finished with serious running."

"I don't even intend to run in the 1956 Olympic Games at Melbourne," he told reporters at the training track of the British team which is preparing for the European Games in Bern.

Eleven pounds overweight and with only one training run since the British Empire Games at Vancouver, Landy ran three slow laps with Britain's Roger Bannister, his conqueror at Vancouver and the only other man in the world besides himself to run the mile under four minutes, then "exhausted himself."

"I've been running solidly since November," he said, "and now I'm finished. I'm 24 years old and the little bit of fitness I have left, I want to keep."

"To lose in athletics I might experiment with longer distances, but I won't be taking it too seriously," Landy said.

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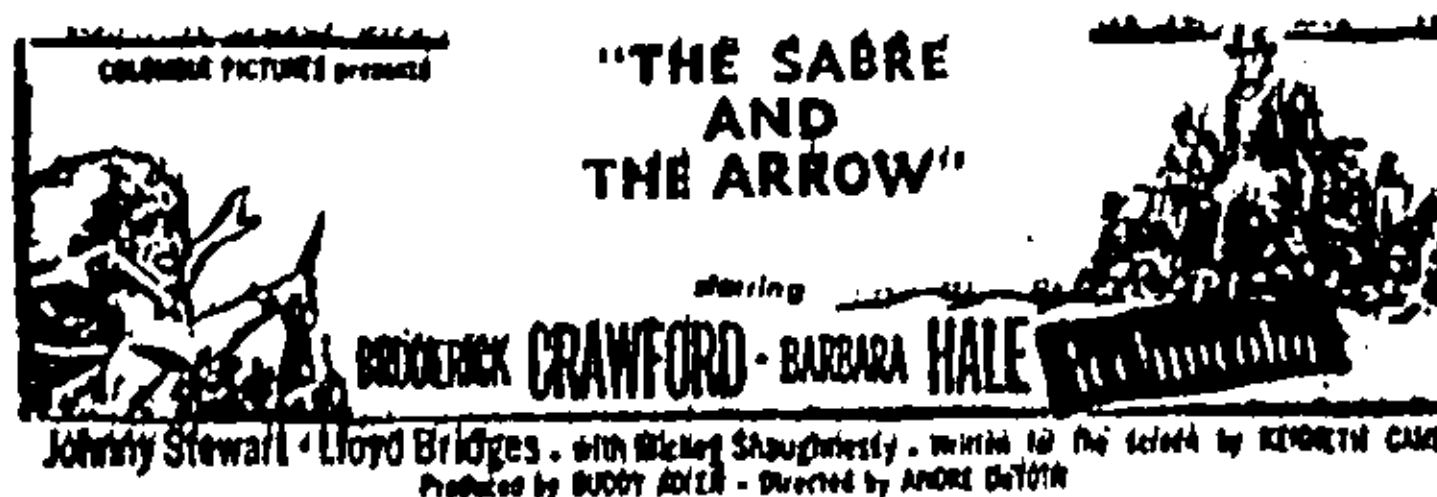
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REARMING GERMANY



Carrying the letters of credence which he was going to present to the Queen, the new Uruguayan Ambassador in London, Senor Don Jose A. Quadros, leaves his residence, No. 1 Campden Hill, Kensington. The Ambassador drove to the Palace in a horse-drawn carriage from the Royal Mews. Reuterphoto.

American Brides-To-Be
Have Problems With
Immigration Dept

Philadelphia, Aug. 23.

The Immigration and Naturalisation Service today set a preliminary hearing next Monday to decide how long a Japanese bride-to-be may remain in the United States.

Isako Shimoyama, of Kobe, Japan, arrived at the Valley Forge Army Hospital in nearby Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, yesterday after months of diplomatic and Army red tape for a reunion with her fiancé, M/Sgt William B. Hardin, 32, of Louisville, Kentucky.

Hardin, a decorated veteran of two wars, said he and the pretty 24-year-old sales clerk will be "married as soon as possible, you can bet on that."

After the marriage, Isako will have to return to her homeland. But Hardin said she could then return to the United States as the wife of an American citizen.

MET IN HOSPITAL

The couple met while Hardin was confined to an Army hospital in Japan for treatment of tuberculosis, contracted while he served with the United Nations Armistice Commission in Korea.

They tried to get married there, but the soldier's records had been returned to the United States. Last February he was transferred to the Valley Forge Army Hospital, where he had part of one lung removed.

After several vain attempts to follow Hardin, Isako obtained a six-month visitor's visa from the American Consulate in Tokyo. However, upon arrival at Hawaii Immigration officials barred her from the United States.

Hardin got in touch with a Philadelphia lawyer and an appeal was filed. She was permitted to come here after Hardin posted a \$500 bond—United Press.

U.N. EMPLOYEES

No Renewal
Of Contracts

Paris, Aug. 23. Dr. Luther Evans, Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, announced here today that he would not renew the contracts of four American employees who refused to testify before a United States Loyalty Board last month.

Dr. Evans said in a Press statement he "could not accept the attitude adopted by these staff members as being consistent with the high standards of integrity which are required by those employed by the Organization."

The American International Employees' Loyalty Board of the American Civil Service Commission issued its UNESCO staff members "a new warning" that "any employee who is found to be disloyal will not be rehired."

Backing From
British Trade
Union Leaders

London, Aug. 23.

Britain's trade union leaders today reaffirmed their backing for West German rearmament, but stressed it should be through the European Army scheme or another arrangement assuring that it would be used only for collective security.

The General Council—governing body—of the eight million-strong Trade Union Congress, said this in its annual report.

It will be presented to the TUC's annual congress to be held at Brighton, South England, from September 6 to 10.

The new statement on German rearmament sought to put the powerful trade union movement firmly behind the Labour Party leader's "arms for Germany" policy. The Party is split over this issue, with the left-wing "Bevanites" leading the Opposition to the official line.

A number of unions have put forward resolutions for the TUC conference opposing West German rearmament. But there is little doubt that the voting power of the big unions will bring a majority in favour of the leader's policy.

The General Council's statement said it was "reasonable" that from West Germany's revitalised economy a contribution should be made to European defence.

It said: "Many fears are dominating peoples' minds today and among them is the fear of a resurgence of a German military machine. It should be remembered, however, that many of the people in control in Western Germany, both politically and in the trade unions, are people who themselves suffered in Nazi concentration camps."

DEMOCRATIC GERMANY

The Council said a truly democratic Germany could best be developed in an international atmosphere "devoid of fear and suspicion towards her."

The General Council, in its economic report, also issued today, declared shareholders were getting the biggest relative increase in income in Britain. Since 1951 incomes, rents, dividends and interest had risen more rapidly than wages and salaries.

"Trade unionists," it said, "cannot be expected to stand idly by while improvements they have secured are whittled away by inaction on the government's part, or by attempts by the richer sections of the community to improve their already privileged position."

Between 1950 and 1953, it appeared that wage rates rose to roughly the same proportion as prices.

COST OF FOOD

But largely because of the disproportionate rise in the cost of food over the period, "lower-paid workers, especially those with large families, as well as old age pensioners and others with small fixed incomes, suffered a fall in their living standards."

Reviewing the 1953 balance of payments problem, the Council said improvements during the

Hull Strikers
Still Out

Hull, Aug. 23.

Four thousand striking Hull dockers, who are holding up work on 60 ships, tonight rejected a move to end their week-old stoppage.

They turned down suggestions that the grain ship on which the dispute started—because the dockers considered the method of unloading was outdated—should now be manned. The employers are insisting on this as a condition for their return to work.

The men, whose strike had not the backing of their union—the Transport and General Workers—have announced that they are leaving this union and joining another—the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers.—Reuter.

Virgin Peak
Climbed

Gilgit, Kashmir, Aug. 23.

This German-Austrian expedition to the Karakoram range has climbed an unnamed 23,900-foot virgin peak on Batura glacier, according to a message which arrived here today by runner.

The expedition's message said the peak was climbed on August 9 by Hans Schillger and Dolf Meyer and two German, Austrian and Pakistani flags were hoisted on the peak. The expedition, led by Dr. Matthias Reibisch, has received permission to explore 20,000 feet East Gill, a "ghost" mountain near Gilgit which has seldom been seen.—Reuter.

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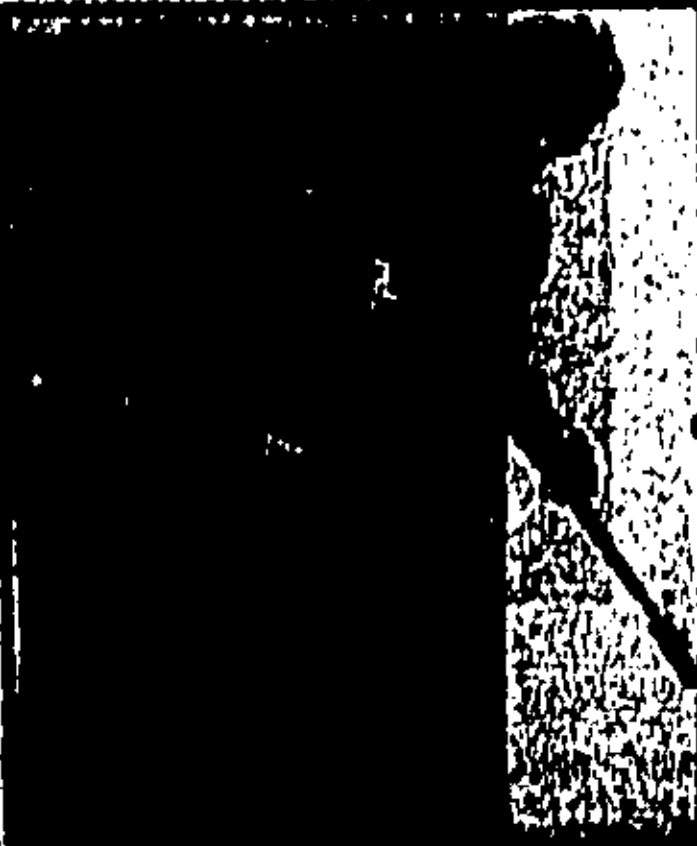
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Eisenhower Calls For A Solid Partnership

REPUBLICAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN OPENS

Denver, Aug. 23.

President Eisenhower in a nation-wide broadcast tonight called for a "solid partnership among the free people" of the world. That partnership, he said, should be based on increased international trade, mutual understanding and pacts and other measures to make it unnecessary for any worry as to what the Communists were up to.

The President urged American voters to send to the new Congress, convening in January, members who will help carry out his programme.

Mr. Eisenhower said: "The overall tax cut programme (enacted by the 83rd Congress) will save taxpayers \$7,400 million (about £2,600 million), of this amount individuals receive an overall tax saving of \$4,700 million (about £1,600 million).

These tax savings in surplus are previous total in the history of the country," he said.

Reviewing the record of the Republican-dominated Congress which completed work on its legislative programme last Friday, Mr. Eisenhower said it equipped America with what he termed effective weapons to "push out and defeat internal Communism and subversion."

In the prepared notes of his speech, the President did not say whether he planned to sign a bill on his desk which would outlaw the Communist Party. But he spoke of the anti-Communist legislation generally as amounting to a package programme to deal effectively with the subversion threat.

PROUD SALUTE

After mentioning Congressional approval of Administration programmes in such fields as legislation, expansion of social security and authorisation of St. Lawrence Seaway, the President said every American could proudly salute the 83rd Congress.

He added that he believed every fact in existence today gave the lie to prophets of gloom and doom.

He said that when the 83rd Congress convened in January, 1953, prophets of gloom and doom were predicting that by summer of that year the nation would be in the midst of a devastating depression, that a third world war would be under way and that there would be political chaos in the Republican Party.

Mr. Eisenhower said that his audience knew how wrong the prophets were. The 83rd Congress did not place the pocket book above the heart. As examples, he quoted its approval of a housing bill, expansion of social security, hospital construction authorisation. He also mentioned approval of the foreign aid, extension of the Reciprocity Trade Act for one year, (he asked for a three-year extension and provision for gradual reduction of tariff) and the completion of international agreements.

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Too Many Girls On His Hands

Salisbury, S. Rhodesia, Aug. 23.

Mr. I. Southey, director of a Salisbury tourist agency, complained that he had too many girls on his hands.

Mr. Southey said it was very pleasant to have so many attractive girl tourists from South Africa, Rhodesia, England and other places — but it was bad for business.

Single women outnumbered single men by four to one on some tours, he added. One single man went on a trip to Victoria Falls with four single girls and two married women without their husbands.

"I have had the greatest difficulty getting partners for girls at dances I organise along the routes," he said. "I have been trying to work out how the members of my band can dance and play at the same time."—China Mail Special.

Aggressive Feminism Is Out

Evansville, Ill., Aug. 23.

Miss Madeline Barot, a leading officer of the World Council of Churches, said here tonight that "aggressive feminism" should be left in the past.

Miss Barot, who is French, Secretary of the World Council of Churches, said she had seen the "aggressive feminism" of the past.

She told a plenary meeting of the Council here: "The day of aggressive feminism has passed. Today, women do not desire to be dressed like men but realise they can contribute fully as women, not conforming to patterns and methods of life and work which are masculine."

"For some reason, women seem to have an even more intense desire for unity, world Christian fellowship and mutual help than do men,"—Reuter.

French Pilgrimage

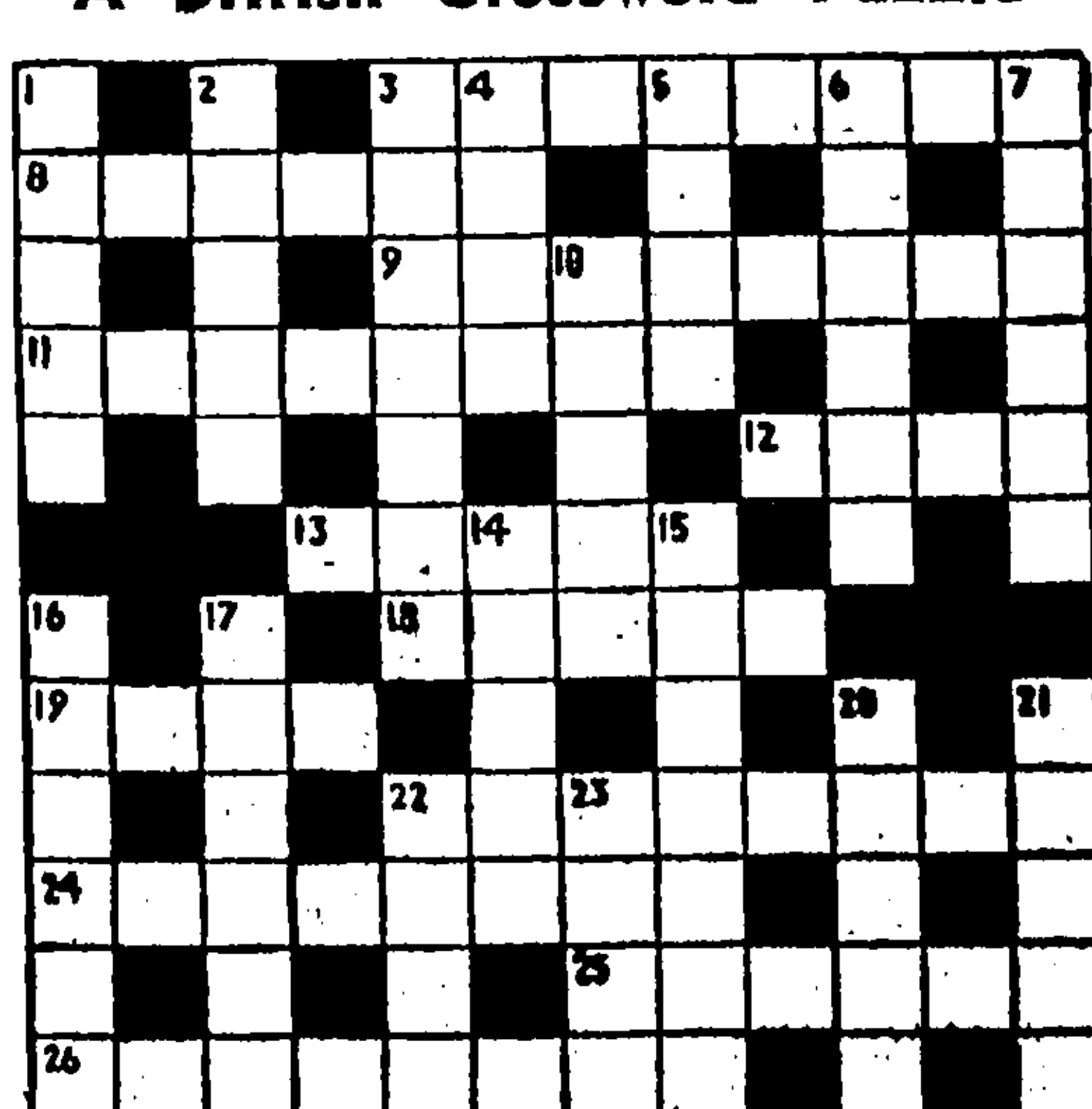
Louise, Aug. 23.

The 31st National French pilgrimage, in the shadow of Lourdes, ended today with Mass celebrated in the presence of Cardinal Germain, Patriarch of Lisbon.

Robert Brunon, Minister for Overseas France, attended the closing Mass, held shortly after another Mass celebrated in the Grotto by the Bishop of Porto.

Special trains this afternoon and tonight took the pilgrims back to their home towns.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 3 Chile (8).
 - 8 Homelike (6).
 - 9 Consist of (6).
 - 11 Turns round (6).
 - 12 Withered (6).
 - 13 Central point (6).
 - 14 Sound qualities (6).
 - 15 Admits (4).
 - 16 Polled with missiles (8).
 - 17 NCO (8).
 - 18 Decided (6).
 - 20 Determined (8).
- DOWN**
- 1 Spruce (6).
 - 2 Serious (6).
 - 3 Newly-joined soldier (7).
 - 4 London statue (4).
 - 5 Tears (4).
 - 6 Tolerates (6).
 - 7 Took notice (6).
 - 8 Fruit (6).
 - 9 Elector (6).
 - 10 Place of worship (7).
 - 11 Agree (6).
 - 12 Traps (6).
 - 13 Experienced (6).
 - 14 Grown-up (6).
 - 15 Common fund (4).
 - 16 Trim (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3. Prepared, 7. Irish, 8. Advocate, 10. Chase, 12. Seize, 13. Dead, 17. Orderly, 18. Notrium, 20. Once, 21. Ruling, 22. Natter, 23. Marquess, 24. Kind, 25. Liaison, Down: 1. Disc, 2. Laid, 3. Phase, 4. Prop, 5. Responder, 6. Speedy, 9. Detour, 11. Heron, 12. Rate, 14. Ermine, 16. Debt, 19. Aloud, 19. Normal, 19. Seize, 22. Fast, 23. Items, 24. Orderly, 25. Dull.

Britain's Atom Power Boss No. 1



15 Int'l Lawyers Hear Polish Refugee's Story

London, Aug. 23.

Fifteen international lawyers today heard from a 23-year-old Polish refugee seaman, Antoni Klimowicz, the dramatic story of his rescue by British police from the Polish freighter Jaroslaw Dabrowski on July 31.

The lawyers, members of the International Commission of Jurists, were considering his case as a possible basis for future legal aid to "Iron Curtain" refugees.

The legal experts were from the United States, Britain and Europe. The hearing was in private.

Klimowicz was removed from the Polish vessel in the River Thames by a strong boarding party of British police. He was later granted political asylum.

The Commission was set up three years ago "for the protection of right against systematic injustice."

Attending the meeting was Dr. Albert Van Dal, Secretary-General of the International Commission of Jurists, who arrived in London by air from Amsterdam on Saturday.

Dr. Van Dal said today: "The case of Mr. Klimowicz has already become a classic instance. It is easy for the Otto John, the Courts, and the Schmidt-Wittmache to get away."

"We want to ensure that similar opportunity is given to the ordinary men and women who prefer freedom to slavery."

"We are marshalling the various national groups in our Commission which already exist in Britain, Sweden, Switzerland, Greece, Turkey and which we are building in France, Denmark, Italy, Norway and other countries to help in this field."

—Reuter.

Malaya A Police State, Says Pritt

Singapore, Aug. 23.

A London counsel, Mr. D. N. Pritt, defending eight students of the University of Malaya who came up for trial here today on charges of sedition, quoted a book by Dr. Victor Purcell in which Malaya is referred to as a "police state."

Mr. Pritt, who won world fame as defence counsel of Mau Mau chief Jomo Kenyatta, quoted a similar reference in a speech by the Malayan Chinese leader, Sir Cheng Teak Tan, and asked the first Crown witness, Malay Police Superintendent Ahmed Khan, whether the students had been arrested for sedition. Khan said he did not think so.

The eight students concerned are members of the student editorial board of a magazine called Fajar Fajar which in its seventh issue published an article which the prosecution said was "clearly seditious."

Mr. Pritt, making another point for the defence, listed a number of people of "eminent respectability" to whom the magazine was sent. These included Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the British Commissioner-General in South-east Asia.—France-Press.

Another delegate stressed the need for resolving disputes and said that without this the Commonwealth might wither away.

He suggested more frequent and better organised Prime Ministers' conferences and a Commonwealth Secretariat and Commonwealth Relations Office in each capital of the Commonwealth.—China Mail Special.

United Nations, Aug. 23.

A world food reserve will be set up in a proposal which the Costa Rican delegation to the United Nations is trying to have placed on the agenda of the next UN General Assembly, it was learned.

An explanatory memorandum of Costa Rica's request will be issued today, it was learned.—France-Press.

North Korea, Aug. 23.

The fourth Yugoslav student in North Korea to seek political asylum here turned himself in to the United States Military Police yesterday.

He was identified as Svetozar Stankovic, 26. He requested asylum to escape political persecution.—United Press.

Baby Has Rare Brain Disease

Munich, Aug. 23.

A three-month-old German baby girl, left here by air for Boston, Massachusetts, today to undergo a delicate brain operation—believed to be her only chance of survival.

The baby is suffering from hydrocephalus, a rare brain disease, for which no cure is available in Germany. She will be operated on by Dr. Donald Macdonald, chief of the Boston Children's Medical Centre, who has developed a new method of brain surgery for such cases.

The child's doctor, Josef Lutz today said she had a 70 per cent chance of survival without permanent damage to the brain.—Reuter.

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EDC KILLED DE GASPERI

Rome, Aug. 23.

The European Defence Community was a thorn which morally wounded Signor Alcide de Gasperi, former Italian premier, the Secretary of the Italian Christian Democratic Party, Arnaldo Fanfani, declared today.

Recalling that de Gasperi himself had described the EDC as a thorn for him, Signor Fanfani said that with the coming of this crisis, de Gasperi saw clearly that it would not only mean a halt in the formation of a military coalition but also in the establishment of European political unity.—France-Press.

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ALLEGED COLLABORATOR

Residents Rally To Side Of Colonel Fleming

Fort Sheridan, Ill., Aug. 23.

Residents of his native Racine, Wisconsin, rallied to the aid of alleged Communist collaborator Lt-Col Harry Fleming today with the charge that the Army had done more to break his spirit in 90 days than the Reds did in two years.

A group pledged to support Fleming also provided him with the services of Alfred LaFrance, President of the Wisconsin Bar Association.

The appointment caused a week's adjournment in court-martial proceedings against Fleming, 46, the first Army officer to be tried on charges of making propaganda broadcasts and leading Communist discussions while a prisoner of the Reds in Korea.

Kingston W. Erlich, a reserve lieutenant-colonel and a Racine real estate man, was appointed at a protest meeting in Racine to come here and tell Fleming his friends were behind him.

"The Army is going to find out that the whole town of Racine is behind Fleming," Erlich said. "They're going to find out he has a lot of friends. We feel he has been unjustly treated and that the confinement to which he has been subjected is unnecessary."

Fleming has been a prisoner here for about three months. "It seems they're determined to break his spirit," Erlich said. "In the 90 days he has been at Fort Sheridan his appearance to me would indicate they have done more to break his spirit than the Reds were able to do in Korea in two years."

Erlich said Fleming has been held in "almost solitary" confinement and has been allowed to see no one without "a lot of red tape."

"He is served his meals in his room and is allowed out twice a day to walk over a prescribed route," Erlich said. "He asked that the route be changed to break the monotony and this request was refused."

Erlich said Fleming's wife, Gladys, has been allowed to visit him only on three weekends.—United Press.

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Royal Party Arrives At Corfu

Athens, Aug. 23.

The Greek liner Agamemnon, carrying the King and Queen of Greece and more than 100 members of the historic royal families of Europe, dropped anchor at Corfu today.

Wearing informal holiday clothes, the party went ashore to visit the Summer Palace of the Greek Royal Household. Among them were Princess Juliana of Holland, the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg and ex-King Umberto of Italy.

The visit ashore was conducted completely without ceremony or precedence aboard the ship. It is reported that no ceremonial is being followed and that the cruise is being conducted purely as a family affair.

The oldest member of the royal party is 85-year-old Prince George of Greece, the youngest is 13-year-old Princess Irene of Greece. Only the British and Belgian royal families are not directly represented on the cruise.—France-Press.

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APPEAL AGAINST CANING

Lagos, Aug. 23.

There were two reasons why a Nigerian magistrate was not justified in sentencing a Bellen to three strokes with a cane for getting his dog on an African trader, the Supreme Court here was told today.

Mr. Angus Ferguson, Counsel for Victor Alexander Gregory, 40, a Pottery Officer from Tenders, Kent, said the magistrate was entitled in order to caning only on two conditions: local prevalence of particular crimes and the antecedents of the accused.

He said that Mr. Gregory, whom the magistrate, Mr. M. A. Begho, had also fined £120, had no previous record and claimed that the type of crime of which Mr. Begho had convicted him was "certainly not" prevalent in Nigeria.

The hearing will continue tomorrow and Mr. Justice Jibowu, is expected to give judgment on Wednesday.—China Mail Special.

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Identification Of U.S. War Dead

Seoul, Aug. 23.

Military scientists will use every known method of identification to determine the names of the 4,000 Allied war dead scheduled to be returned by the Communists starting on September 1, an Army spokesman said today.

The remains of Allied soldiers who died in North Korea probably would be identified by the Communists, but UN military officials would not accept their word, the spokesman said.

The remains would be taken to the US Army Graves Registration Laboratory in Korea, Japan, for exhaustive study by medical anthropologists and other scientists.

"When the Army notifies a family that the remains belong to one of their sons, they mean just that," the spokesman said.

"Unless positive identification has been established, the other remains are considered unidentified."

The Communists have not revealed the nationality of the 4,011 bodies they expect to return during "Operation Glory," the final step in completing provisions of the armistice.

WISHERS OF FAMILY

The identified American dead will be sent to national or private cemeteries, according to the wishes of the family, the Army spokesman said.

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FORCED LANDING

Berlin, Aug. 23.

A private Swiss plane made a forced landing in East Germany today, East Berlin radio said.

Sefton Delmer's Report No. 3 From Inside Germany

OTTO WRITES TO HIS WIFE
—AND A SMEAR GROWS

Bonn. A LETTER from Dr Otto John to his wife has been published in Western Germany. So far as a tape-recording of a telephone conversation he had with the Communist Dr Wohlgemuth, who enticed John into seeing him, and then vanished with him into the Russian Zone.

The letter and the tape-recording have been in the possession of the authorities here ever since John, who was West Germany's security chief, disappeared. But only now are they released for publication when the atmosphere has been thoroughly poisoned against "double traitor" John.

A "double traitor" because John (1) fled to Britain in the last year of the war after failing to assassinate Hitler, and (2) because he is alleged to have deserted to the Russians.

The letter and the tape-recording suggest that Dr. John was probably tricked into crossing the sector border and is now being held in East Berlin against his will. Thus the delay in publishing them.

The bait

FOR the interpretation of his disappearance does not mean the new Nazis in Western Germany, who are anxious to exploit his "double treason" to launch all anti-Nazi and "traitors to Hitler" out of positions they still occupy here today.

Just look at the letter to Frau John. It is written on a rough scrap of paper. "Dear Lieschen," it says, "Reasons which I cannot explain to you have forced me to take a step which I shall explain later."

The word "forced" is heavily underlined—obviously intended as a clue to his wife of what really happened.

"This note," he goes on, "is only to tell you not to worry and to inform father. I am very anxious about you but not about myself. All my love, Otto."

The tape-recording is made by the police of a telephone conversation in which Dr Wohlgemuth enticed John to come and see him on the evening of July 20.

His bait to John was that he would then and there make out

a medical report which John badly wanted in order to obtain a pension for a widowed friend of his family.

The conversation clearly shows John's reluctance to visit the doctor, and the pressure of argument used by the doctor to make John walk into his parlour. "For just a couple of hours," the doctor says, "Wohlgemuth—a couple of hours in which John could well have been dragged into docility."

But the agency report published by most of the newspapers here does not see it that way. It talks of a code conversation between the two and refuses to take the conversation at its face value.

So slick

NO, don't tell me that the techniques of Goebbels' propaganda all died when the little doctor shot his family and himself. His boys are back on the job. This anti-traitor campaign shows that they are in their best form once more today, with a pretty thorough control of those newspapers which we spent so much time and money in "democratising" for them.

Please don't imagine that they are the old guard of jack-boots and brown-shirted storm-troopers.

These new Nazis are slick. Consider the little Hamburg rag connected with the newspapers Die Welt, Das Bild, and Die Zeit, which were the first to launch the bitter "anti-traitor" campaign against Otto John and company.

I have known these men and their activities for many years, going right back in fact to the year of 1932, before Hitler took power.

A circle

AT that time they were group-around Hans Zehrer, today editor of Die Welt and leader writer for Das Bild, in what was called then the "Tat" circle.

This was a group of ardent Pan-German expansionist intellectuals intimately associated with the German War Office and Germany's secret rearmament.

They served as unofficial policy advisers to their patron and paymaster, the notorious General Schleicher. It was Schleicher who was behind Germany's secret alliance for illegal rearmament and training purposes with the Red Army.

He was the chief ally of Hitler in Hitler's intrigue for power. But he tried to double-cross Hitler, and was finally double-crossed by Hitler himself.

During the Hitler period all these men were prominent with the exception of Zehrer, who took on a publishing job for the army.

The adviser

CUSELHER Wirsing, next to Zehrer the most important figure in the circle, today my opposite number as chief foreign reporter on Die Welt, held high S.S. rank.

He was closely associated with the espionage service of S.S. General Walter Schellenberg, one of whose former operators are today holding jobs in the organization of West Germany's top spy chief, General Reinhold Gehlen.

Claus Mehnert, one of the top men of the Tat circle and today top political commentator of Die Welt, used to be editor of the main Nazi propaganda paper to the Far East.

Today he serves as unofficial adviser on Soviet and Eastern affairs to Dr Gerstenmayer, head of Adenauer's foreign affairs committee.

Publisher of the newspapers Das Bild and Die Welt is Axel Springer. His wife is the daughter of S.S. General Lorenz, who was one of the former pupils of Himmler and Hitler and was condemned to 15 years' imprisonment at Nuremberg.

The policy aim of these old friends of mine is substantially the same as it was when I knew them in 1932. Then, full of the jargon of Hitler's pet general, the expert Professor Georg Haushofer, they wanted Germany to become the leader of a German-controlled Europe reaching from the Atlantic to the Urals.

Dreamers

THE idea was that if they captured this heartland they would be masters of the world. Today, with much the same idea in view, they are talking of a third-force Europe under German leadership as the first step to the attainment of this plan. Their idea is to play off the Americans against the Russians and thus strong out of the rivalry of these two powerful victor Powers.

This dream seems to be guiding more and more influential Germans.

Once the German Army has been formed and Germany has recovered some military strength, these dangerous dreamers say Germany will be strong enough to drop her present blind obedience to the West. She could follow a more independent line of her own.

And this view has strong backing among the diplomats of the new German Foreign Office.

Symptomatic of a new ideological-political association among these former Nazis are the ever more frequent meetings of former intimates, like that held in Essen's Kaiserhof Hotel a couple of months ago, under the patronage of coal magnate Otto Springorum.

Nor should you forget the old soldiers' leagues, which are getting more and more active. And the new wave of labour unrest which, for the first time since the defeat is hitting Germany, may cause German industrialists to give more financial support than hitherto.

THE QUEEN'S
NEWSPAPER

By J. W. TAYLOR

OVER a hundred years of world-wide circulation without a mistake is the enviable record of The Court Circular, one of the most exclusive news-sheets in existence, regularly issued from Buckingham Palace with the express sanction of the Queen. It is sometimes issued from other Royal homes, such as No. 145 Piccadilly, London, which always has its own daily bulletin when the Queen resided there as Princess Elizabeth. Even today the Circular is issued from Harewood House, the Yorkshire home of the Princess Royal.

Extracts from the Circular daily appear in times of publication in newspapers all over the world. Only a few of the leading London journals are privileged to collect their copies of The Court Circular at the Palace, but extracts are promptly circulated to other editorial offices throughout the world by the famous Fleet Street news agencies.

Free From Error

There is tremendous interest shown by newspaper readers of almost all nationalities in the published Court Circular extracts, remarkable for their consistent accuracy. No other newspaper in the world can show such freedom from error. Names and titles with unusual spellings and hyphens in unexpected places form some of the complicated publication problems the compilers of this Royal news-sheet have daily to solve, apart from intricate poses always set by the requirements of precedent in the official reporting of special Royal events, yet no mistakes have ever been known to appear in over a century of publication.

What appeared to be an "error" was noticed in the Circular one Sunday in 1935, when King George V suffered a minor illness. In order to avoid causing unnecessary public concern for the Royal welfare, the King commanded that his indisposition be not referred to in The Court Circular. This stated that "The Queen attended Divine Service" and made no mention of the King's presence. It was not noticed until the Royal bulletin was circulated.

ed, and rumours arose that the King was seriously indisposed. It was thereupon decided that to prevent ill-founded rumours arising, future reports should state: "Divine Service was held at—" and the names of Royalty present be omitted.

Official Link

The Court Circular was started in early Victorian times as an official link between the Court and the Press. It does not necessarily list a complete account of all the Sovereign's activities throughout the day, purely private affairs mostly being omitted. It does, however, record the most important events attended by the Queen and gives brief details of the activities of the Royal Family. Their engagements, audiences, investitures and other official functions they attend are all briefly described, so as to be quoted in newspapers at home and abroad.

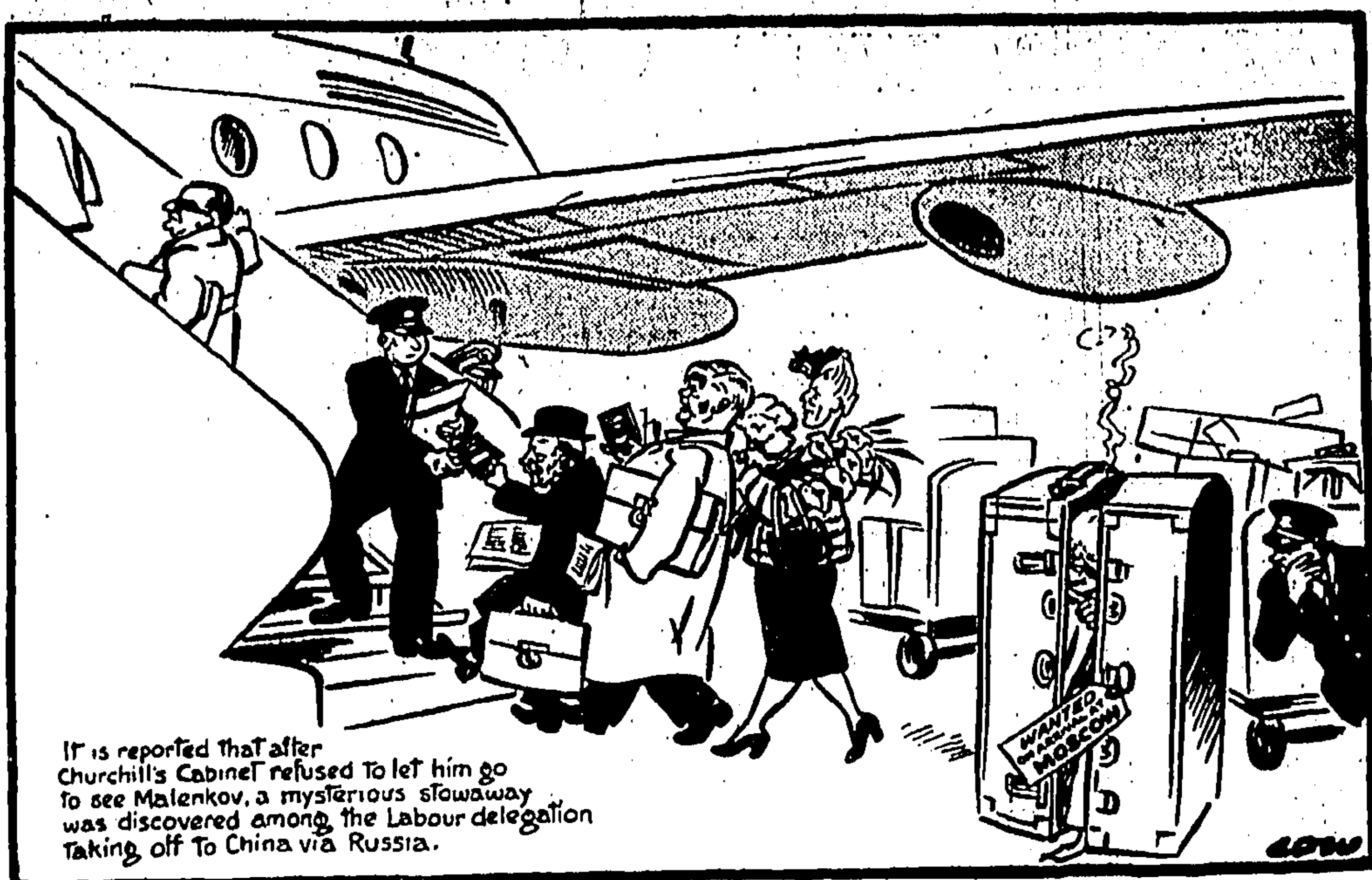
The Master of the Queen's Household is responsible for the compilation of The Circular, the work in practice being done by his Chief Clerk and Secretary, who prepares a draft towards the end of each afternoon. This is submitted to the Queen for her formal approval before the final copy is made. Then every word and phrase is checked and double-checked before the Circular is released for public issue.

In its early stages three blank lines are left between each line of typescript to take in any last-minute amendments or additions.

Extra Precaution

Procedure when the Court is out of London is for the draft Circular to be telegraphed to the Queen for her approval, no matter where she is staying, and extra care is taken to avoid errors. The normal systematic checking is intensified to eliminate mistakes during transmission by telegraph. To maintain The Circular's unique record of strict accuracy, the extra precaution is adopted of telegraphing back to the Queen a final and revised copy for a second scrutiny.

The Royal family themselves find the daily bulletins helpful. Copies are bound in book form and stored in the Royal archives. A study of these enables Court officials to advise the Royal Family on matters of precedent, procedure, etc., in "press" times. Past and present Royal children have studied these volumes as part of their training.



STOWAWAY

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DESTINY IS CALLING YOU,
PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

By Sir Beverley Baxter

members of the Lower House are scattered to the winds and the Peers are hibernating like bears in the winter.

The only sounds were the voice of a guide showing where Charles I was tried, and the rain slopping on the Terrace. If there is no such word as "slopping" then it is time it was invented. Because that was what the rain was doing.

Then I looked into the holy of holies, the smoke-room where no visitor dare set foot. There was Churchill's corner chair (not by right but by custom) and I remembered the last time that I saw him sitting in it.

NO LAW

HE had had a particularly hard day with Cabinet meetings, questions in the House and all sorts of problems that arise from Government of the people for the people by a Conservative Government.

In a matter of hours both Churchill and Eden would be in the sky over the Atlantic, flying to America for a man-to-man talk with President Eisenhower. And I wondered then, as I wonder now, why it had always to be Churchill with his weight of years who makes the Atlantic flight and never the President.

There is no law which prevents the President of the U.S.A. from travelling abroad during his term of office. "Today" Roosevelt came to London from the White House for a State visit. Woodrow Wilson sat with the victors at Versailles to pass sentence upon the guilty and to unveil his plan for an all-wise League of Nations.

Therefore, and with the greatest possible respect, I give my opinion that it would have been a good thing if President Eisenhower had cabled to Churchill that he would come to London, and thus spare the old Warrior the strain that is inseparable from the burden of the years.

THE LEADER

IT is true that today the President of the United States of America holds a position more powerful than any emperor, premier or other president. Two world wars ended for ever America's dream of splendid isolation. Today she is the unquestioned leader of the Western world. Although she needs powerful allies America possesses the industrial, financial and military strength which not only justifies her leadership but makes it inevitable.

I can easily understand how the normal decent American looks back nostalgically upon those halcyon days when the United States stood apart from war or if the worst happened could wait until the seventh hour before intervening.

It was in keeping with that rare feeling of spiritual superiority which made it possible for the professional Woodrow Wilson to utter those feeble words: "Two proud and noble peoples, the French and the British, have been destroyed overnight by their own generals."

If it is thought that I am merely being wise after the event let me tell you that Harold Stassen, the present Director of the United States Foreign Aid Administration, said those very words at the time of the Munich crisis. But such was the unreality of American policy in that period that Stassen was denounced as a light-weight, and caricatured as a boy scout with ideas beyond his intelligence.

In another sense it was that same detachment from reality which caused America to demand the repayment of the loans which the U.S.A. had made to France and Britain as they poured out their blood and treasure to save civilisation in the 1914-18 war.

Let us gladly acknowledge the truth that it was America's intervention in 1917, belated as it was, that turned the tide against Germany at the cost of thousands of gallant American soldiers. Yet even that community of blood and tears did not open the eyes of the American bankers nor the American politicians. Britain had been drained of her wealth and her young manhood, yet Premier Stanley Baldwin had to go to Washington and agree to pay the loan which America had given to Britain at war. It was the beginning of Britain's financial collapse. We were driven off the Gold Standard, unemployment spread across the country, and in reckless despair there came the General Strike. The marks of World War I are still upon us.

HIDE-BOUND

I AM writing these words in the Library of the House of Commons and in such a setting I know there is a danger of becoming detached from day-to-day reality. But history is a record by which the struggles of the human race can be studied in tranquillity. Long after the events of those who held office when the world was mad. But nevertheless if we are ever to learn, it is from the book of history.

This fact is self-evident—that the President of the United States is more hidebound by tradition than any British Premier could ever be. And the worst tradition of the American way of politics is that which virtually makes the President a prisoner in his Ivory Tower.

I felt the truth of that when I flew out to America on a special mission in 1941. It was strange to visit Washington at that time and feel that it was a million miles from Europe. And although President Roosevelt was with us in sympathy and did what he could to help the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth, the isolationist spirit was still strong.

I studied him at the White House then with something like fascination. At heart he was a war with Germany, although his country was heavily involved in the war. He was a man who could not wait until the seventh hour before intervening.

If, instead of denouncing Chamberlain at the time of Munich, the Americans had sent a single naval squadron into the Mediterranean to take its place beside the French and British Navies Hitler would have been destroyed overnight by his own generals.

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FULL CIRCLE

THERE is no such thing as Isolationism. Geographically, psychologically, spiritually and materially it does not and cannot exist. In the deepest meaning of the words we know that what happens to one country happens in some degree to all. It was the rebellion of the American Colonists against Britain that made inevitable the French Revolution. It was a pistol shot in Sarajevo that sent the world to war in 1914.

Today the wheel has gone full circle, as far as America is concerned. When Mr Truman, who will yet be acclaimed by history as one of the great American Presidents, declared war against North Korea the leadership of Western civilisation passed into the hands of the U.S.A. No matter how the individual American might long to return to the days of isolation it just could not be. A nation can no more turn back the pages than a man can return to his youth.

Then why should the American President of today remain incarcerated in the White House as if it were the Vatican and the Pope? Why must it always be Churchill who undergoes the strain and excitement of crossing to America to discuss world affairs with a President who is still in the prime of life?

A VACUUM

THINK what strength and confidence the President would draw from the acclaim of the British people if he came here. And think how the bewildered, divided French nation would gain confidence and unity if the President went to Paris.

Undoubtedly he would be assailed by the weekly magazine Time but the Boobies are ever with us. They live in the hope that the 20th century will be followed by the 19th and that today will be followed by yesterday. In fact, any day, now we shall hear the thrilling slogan: "Time Marches Back!"

Let us face the truth and let us face the truth and let us face the truth. The Conservative Party is the only party that has the courage to face the truth. The Conservative Party is the only party that has the courage to face the truth.

So far has the breed of Adam travelled from the innocence of the Garden that coherent life can be virtually brought to an end with only a few mumbled, crazed survivors to wander among the ruins.

There is no reason to doubt that ancient civilisations lived and passed away before the known story of the human race. If there is to be another world war on a cosmic scale then we may as well hand back the earth to the monkeys.

Against that grim picture and against such pessimism there is the inspiration and splendour of Winston Churchill's mind. As he nears his 80th birthday he proclaims to the world his policy of co-existence. There is no hatred in his soul nor fear in his heart. Instead there is pride in man's achievement and sorrow for man's blindness.

As he looks back from the pinnacle of the years and sees the long road that he has travelled there is infinite pity for the human race but also an indomitable conviction that mankind will yet achieve an understanding that will rule out war.

But Winston Churchill must soon lay down the sceptre of power, and once he will have done so he will leave it to his successors to speak for civilisation. That will create a dangerous vacuum and, again with respect, I suggest that President Eisenhower should realise that he has a far greater part to play than merely keeping the component sections of the Republican Party together.

He has the warmth, the voice and the sincerity to give new leadership to the troubled world. He need not pretend to command the classic phrase or assume the mantle of a contemporary historian. In London at the end of the war he spoke to the people on the radio and won their hearts. We ask no more than that he should be himself.

SILENCE

EVEN as the Command-in-Chief of the Allied Forces that invaded Europe and smashed the might of Germany he remained a human being whose tolerance and sympathy for mankind made of him a lovable figure. No wonder America wanted him as President. The whole civilised world wanted him.

But from the day of his election he has been strangely silent. Even allowing for the fact that he lacks political experience his silence would have stunned. Yet he seemed crushed by the weight of his responsibilities and perhaps disillusioned by the pettiness of political rivalries.

Come to Europe, Mr President! Come to London and to Paris. Visit Berlin and speak in memory of those young soldiers who gave their lives in the last phase when they liberated that city from the evil thrall of Hitler.

You must be bigger than the Republican Party just as Churchill has been bigger than the Conservative Party. Churchill is bigger than the Conservative Party. Churchill is bigger than the Conservative Party.

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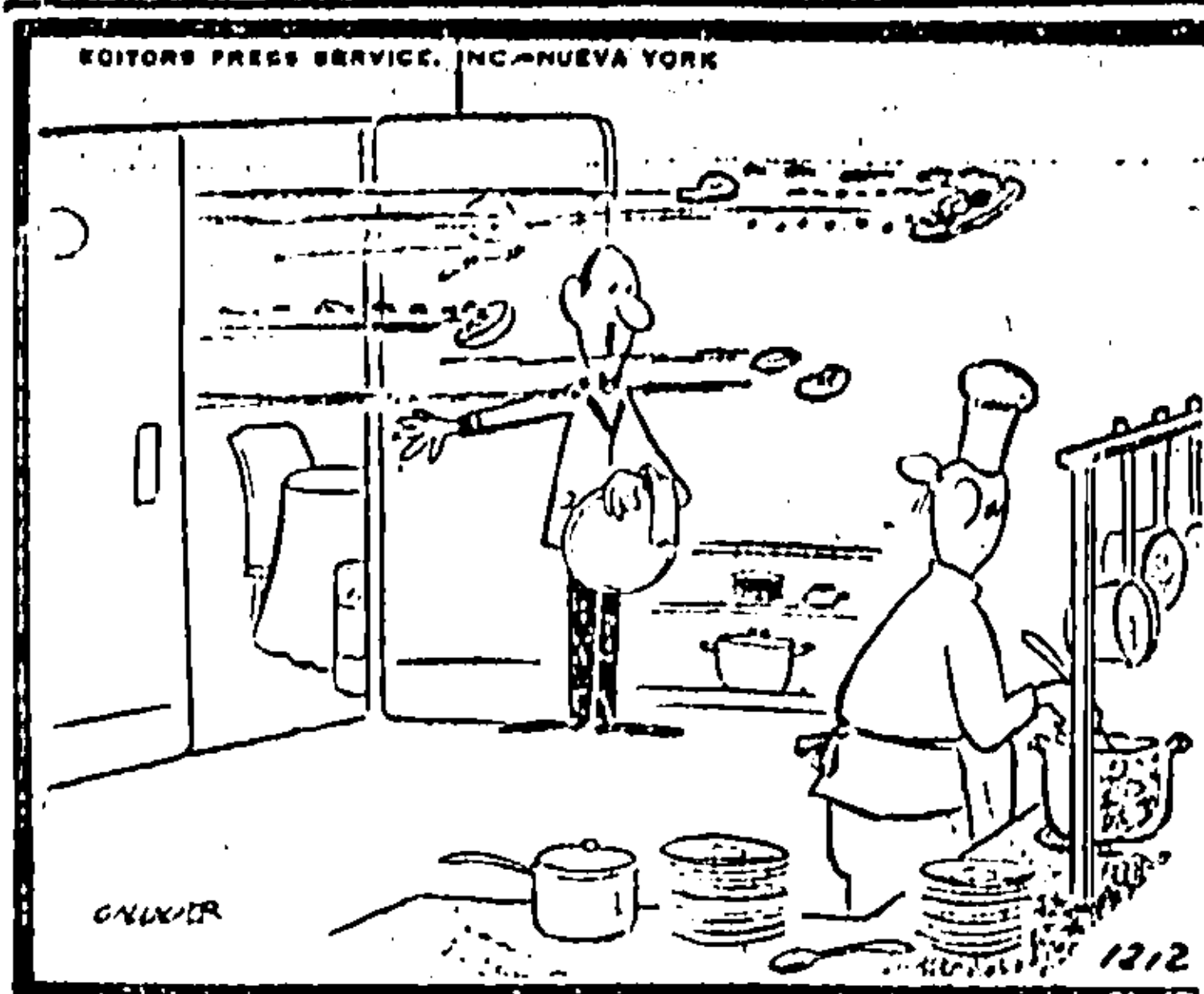
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"Compliments of table fourteen."

• BY THE WAY • by Beachcomber

BEFORE dawn on Monday morning, a troupe of low pressure, travelling towards a given area, brings rain to that area, and if the troupe is stationary the rain continues.

Household hints

HOW to make a Venetian blind.

Take him to Lavena, in the Piazza San Marco, and play him with strega.

Dromedary rescued from boiler-house

THE people of Ealing wondered why a pigeon sat on the roof of a house for two days. The answer came when the inevitable fire brigade arrived to rescue it. The bird at last flew away with a mocking laugh, I expect. All over the country animals are playing the fool like this, perching in queer places in order to get the firemen out. It is the animals' idea of a practical joke, learned from the human beings who give false alarms.

Tail-piece

It is not easy to be witty in a moment of danger.

(Political speaker)

A MAN shot at Napoleon III

in the Bois de Boulogne, and the shot missed. He tried again, with the same result. "Miss, allons donc!" cried the Emperor. "Is this going on much longer?"

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

BORN on the first day of the month, you are a natural leader. Although highly critical, you usually expect yourself to be a practical, constructive person, rather than a dreamer. You have been given a high degree of will and humor and have a magnetic personality. You are a natural leader, and will lead others to follow you. You are a natural leader, and will lead others to follow you. You are a natural leader, and will lead others to follow you.

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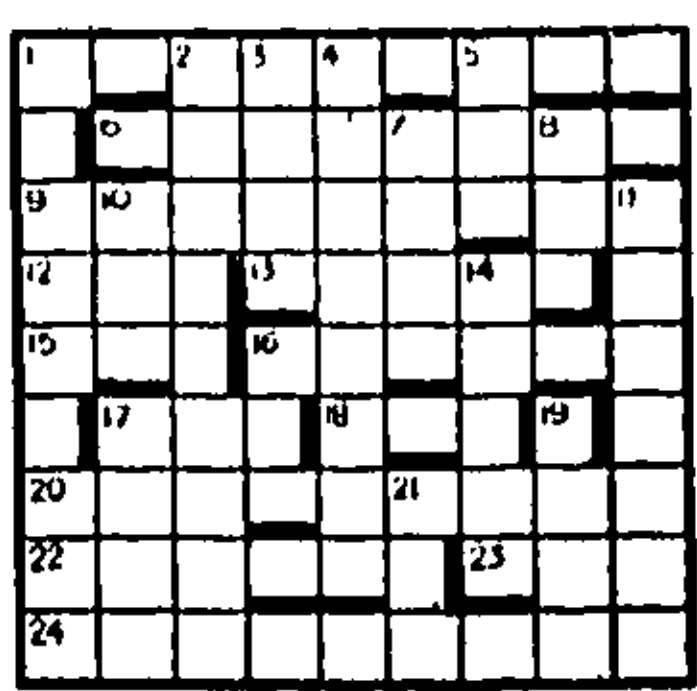
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SURREY NOW THE ODDS-ON FAVOURITES FOR THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

London, Aug. 23.

Surrey beat both Middlesex and the weather at Lord's here today to emerge odds-on favourites to win the English County Cricket Championship for the third successive year.

They won by an innings and 19 runs with a day to spare. For most of the Middlesex second innings, play continued in a persistent drizzle, but despite the wet ball Jim Laker and Tony Lock bowled with skill and accuracy.

Laker bowled his offbreaks especially well, taking five for 55 for match figures of 10 wickets for 80 runs. Lock's figures were three for 30, giving him seven for 52 in the match.

Yorkshire, who led Surrey by 10 points before the start of the current fixtures, look set for victory over Kent tomorrow but this is their last game of the season, whereas Surrey still have two more matches to play. One more win will assure the southern county of the Championship.

Kent are 28 runs behind Yorkshire at Dover with only five second innings wickets left.

Feature of today's play was a stubborn innings by Frank Lowson, Yorkshire's opening batsman. Correct in defence and versatile on stroke play, he

batted five hours for 150 not out, including 14 fours.

Derbyshire's already slim hope of Championship honours was further reduced by rain which restricted play to two hours in their game at Nottingham.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

At Lord's: Surrey beat Middlesex by an innings and 19 runs. Middlesex 70 and 117 (Laker, right-arm offspin, five for 53). Surrey 200 for eight declared (May 61).

At Northampton: Northamptonshire 60 for two versus Warwickshire. No play today, wicket unfit after heavy rain.

At Leicester: Leicestershire-Gloucestershire no play today because of rain—neither side has batted yet.

At Newcastle: Northumberland-Canadians two-day match abandoned because of rain. No play today.

At Dover: Kent 70 and 180 for five. Yorkshire 200 for nine declared (Lowson not out 150, Dover, right-arm offspin, four for 39).

At Eastbourne: Sussex 314 for nine declared and 60 for two. Somerset 285 (Tremlett 60, Wright 68, Oakman, right-arm offspin, six for 61).

At Cardiff: Glamorgan 110 for six v. Hampshire. Start was delayed to mid-afternoon because of rain.

At Nottingham: Derbyshire 180 for six v. Nottingham. Start was delayed to 1530 GMT because of an unfit wicket.

At Worcester: Lancashire 318 (Wharton 73, Geoff Edrich 50, Ikin 61, Statham 57, Jenkins, right-arm legbreak, six for 97). Worcester 60 for no wicket.

Pakistan Tour

Southend, Aug. 23. Essex had no difficulty in mastering the under-strength Pakistan attack here today and after passing the tourists' total of 241 for the loss of four wickets they declared at 287 for seven.

When play stopped for rain 20 minutes before the close the Pakistanis had scored 19 for the loss of Alimuddin's wicket. They thus stand 27 runs behind.

A fifth wicket partnership of 131 in an hour and three quarters by the Essex captain, Douglas Insole, and Trevor Bailey formed the backbone of the county innings. Both drove and pulled with great ease and accomplishment. Insole hit eight boundaries in his 89 while Bailey's undefeated 52 contained six fours and a five.

Battling in poor light Pakistan made a bad start to their second innings losing Alimuddin without a run scored. Alimuddin thus failed to get off the mark for the second time in the match.

Despite the dull, cheerless weather the crowd of 4,000 exceeded Saturday's attendance. They were vastly entertained when Zulqar Ahmed, the 12th man, took extra sweaters to his colleagues, wearing a black hat with a long white feather. Insole, Ahmed promptly borrowed it to wear while keeping wicket.

THE SCOREBOARD

Pakistan, 1st Innings—241

Essex, 1st Innings

T. Dodds, b. Maqsood 18
Ahmed 18
P. Gibbs, b. Khalid Hassan 49
G. Barker, c. Ikram Elahi, b. Maqsood Ahmed 38

C. Williams, c. Imtiaz 27

Ahmed, b. Ikram Elahi 80
D. Insole, c. Ghazali, b. Ikram Elahi 80
Trevor Bailey, not out 52
R. Smith, b. Ikram Elahi 0
F. Vigar, c. Maqsood Ahmed, b. Ghazali 1

Extras 10

Total (for seven declared) 287

Bowling:

Khalid Wazir 9 2 34 0
Maqsood Ahmed 33 6 88 2
Ghazali 20.4 0 51 1
Ikram Elahi 21 4 62 3
Khalid Hassan 15 4 30 1
Waqar Hassan 1 0 6 0

Byes 5; leg-bye 1; Wide 1 (Ikram Elahi). No balls 3 (Ikram Elahi).
Falls of wickets: 1-51; 2-80; 3-120; 4-148; 5-279; 6-280; 7-287.

Pakistan, 2nd Innings

Alimuddin, lbw, b. Trevor Bailey 0
Shakoor Ahmed, not out 12
Waqar Hassan, not out 7
Extras 0

Total (for one wicket) 19

Bowling

Trevor Bailey 4 1 12 1
Jack Bailey 3 1 7 0
Smith 1 1 0 0

Falls of wicket: 1-0.—Reuter.

Four Former Champions Eliminated

Grosse Pointe, Michigan, Aug. 23.

Four former champions—every former titleholder who took off in the national amateur golf tournament's first round—got eliminated in one of the wildest opening days in the tournament's history today.

Harvie Ward, Jr., San Francisco automobile salesman who won the Canadian amateur a week ago, and Billy Joe Patton, the bespectacled little star who gave the professionals a scare in last spring's Masters Tournament, escaped the wave of upsets, however.

Ted Bishop, the 1946 Champion, was the first former titleholder to be sent to the sidelines. A hot second nine by unknown Richard Foutche, 31, put Bishop out of the running by a two-up score before noon.

But he soon had company on the "losers' sidelines."

Charles R. Coe, the 1949 titleholder, was whipped, 2 and 1, by Richard Colford, Jr., a 210-pound automobile dealer from New Orleans.

Chick Evans, the grand old man of amateur golf who won the title way back in 1910 and 1920, was whipped 5 and 4, by Lincoln Roden III, of Abington, Pennsylvania.

Sam Uzzetta, who won the 1950 title from Frank Stranahan, was ousted in a surprising upset, one-up in 19 holes, by Tim Holland, lanky black-haired youth from Rockville-Centre, New York, who is a former Long Island amateur king. —United Press.

EQUALS RECORD



Derek Johnson of Great Britain breaks the tape in 47.9 seconds to win the 440 Yards and equal the English native record for the event in the British Games at the White City Stadium, London, on August 14. Second was America's R. Fessenden (right). — Reuterphoto.

Easy As Getting A Cup Final Ticket!

By W. CAPEL KIRBY

London.

Monday, September 6, is Der Tag (and that's German for The Day to you) for more than a quarter of a million British Soccer fans.

On that date the Football Association will announce whether there will be any tickets for sale to the general public through the Wembley box office for England's clash with Germany on December 1.

Already, four months ahead, the signs are that few, if any, will be available after allocations have been made to County Associations and clubs on the same lines as the Cup Final.

WHAT A HOPE!

Demand for tickets is unprecedented and receipts will equal the £40,000 takings when Hungary attracted a "full house" at Wembley last November.

Unless fans can get tickets through their clubs they can't be too optimistic. Their chances of getting one are about 12,000 to one less than for the Cup Final.

"This is because of the tremendous interest the fixture has created overseas. Applications from Germany alone are expected to top the 12,000 mark, although it doesn't follow the Germans will receive that number."

"One German tourist agency has put in a request for 4,000 tickets," an FA official told me. Here in Britain everybody wants to see the team of the year—the side that tamed the immaculate, tip-tapping Hungarians. Practically every League club in the country is planning for its playing staff to see the World Cup winners in action.

One ambitious, but none too fashionable, Second Division club has written to the FA asking for 650 tickets at prices ranging from 50s. to 3s. 6d.

Last time a German national football team visited this country was in 1935 when,

JIM PETERS DECLINES

London, Aug. 23.

Britain's famous marathon runner Jim Peters has refused a Japanese invitation to compete in Japan this autumn with Emil Zatopek of Czechoslovakia. Peters said that he had to turn down the invitation because Britain's bad weather would not allow him to train properly. —France-Press.

CHINESE INTER-CLUB AQUATICS

The four-day Chinese Inter-Club aquatic sports opened at the Ritz swimming pool yesterday.

The following were the results of the heats in the various events:

Men's Senior 100 Metres Free Style—Heat 1-1 Chiu Kwai-chung (CYMCA), 55.4 secs. 2 Chan Kwai-chung (CYMCA), 56.4 secs. Heat 2-1 Cheung Kin-man (Fortuna), 55.2 secs. 2 Chan Kwai-chung (CYMCA), 56.2 secs. Heat 3-1 Lam Kwan-ang (CYMCA), 54.2 secs. 2 Wan Shiu-ming (SCAA), 55.2 secs.

Women's Senior 100 Metres Free Style—Heat 1-1 Kwok Ngai-lung (CYMCA), 53 secs. 2 Tsui Shiu-ling (Fortuna), 54 secs. Heat 2-1 Chan Shiu-yee (Fortuna), 54 secs. 2 Tsui Shiu-ling (CYMCA), 55 secs. Heat 3-1 Tsui Shiu-ling (CYMCA), 54 secs. 2 Woo Oi-mee (SCAA), 55 secs. Heat 4-1 Ching Man-shee (Fortuna), 55.2 secs.

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Thames Refineries Ready For Persian Oil Flow

London, Aug. 23.
Thames oil refineries are ready to deal with a big increase of crude oil as soon as shipments from Abadan in Persia are resumed.

The voyages of all the main tanker fleets are being re-arranged so ships can assemble at Abadan for the first cargo. Experts believe that petroleum products are likely to expand to 1 1/2 times their present volume within 25 years. The industry will be expected to provide its market, not with 600 million

tons of oil as at present, but with 1,500 million tons. For this reason the big tanker fleets based on London are now taking regular deliveries of many new ships—some more than 30,000 tons. The smaller, older and uneconomic ships are being scrapped.

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NOTICE TO PASSENGERS
Thursday, the 26th August, at 12.00 Noon for the UNITED KINGDOM via Straits, Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port Said.

BAGGAGE: Passengers are requested to send ALL BAGGAGE to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co's Godown at No. 2 GATE, CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE, by Noon on Wednesday, 26th August, 1954.

SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co's Godown for loading on board by Ship's slings only.

EMBARKATION: Passengers should embark between 9.30 and 11.00 a.m. on Thursday, 26th August, 1954.

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Modern Science—Our Magic Carpet

New Method Of Making Clothing Flame Resistant

By Joe Jones

A new method of making clothing flame resistant—thus preventing the all-too-frequent tragedies of flash clothing fires resulting from sparks from cigarettes or matches—highlights the science news today.

For many years, scientists have utilised all the resources at their command to develop an agent which would protect garments from fire. Several methods were evolved, but found to be not entirely satisfactory because the fire-resisting chemicals were washed out in the laundry.

Now comes word that two scientists at the Southern Regional Research Laboratory in New Orleans, Louisiana, have prepared a solution of chemicals which will make textiles fire-resistant, no matter how many times they are washed and at the same time will not impair the strength of the materials. The fabric is dipped into the solution, squeezed partly dry, further dried at a temperature of 183 degrees, then cured, washed, softened and dried.

NEATER CLOTHES
Scientists also are bending their efforts toward making our clothes look neater. A textile finishing application has been developed which banishes the souped-up vest and the coffee-stained cuff. Milk, ink, grape juice and other waterborne stains strike right off the materials treated with this product. The new treatment also is said to improve abrasion resistance, tear strength and wrinkle recovery.

Our foods, as well as our clothing, are benefiting from new and improved systems of protection, preparation and distribution. For instance, the meats, cheeses, vegetables and other foods in grocery stores are protected by one of the new plastic products—Saran Wrap—a transparent material which enables the shopper to see, without coming in contact with them. Saran also is being used by home-makers for wrapping sandwiches, keeping freshly cut fruit from drying, and wrapping freezer foods.

MILK AUTOMATS
Milk, which tops in volume all non-alcoholic drinks sold in America—(coffee comes second) can now be bought in big outdoor automatic vending machines. These automats make as much as 2,000 quarts of milk, refrigerated to 38° Fahrenheit and dispense fresh cold milk in quart or half-gallon cartons seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The shopper simply drives up, puts in the money according to the number of quarts wanted, and automatically gets her purchases with no waiting. Some machines even make change.

Studies show that largest sales are made between five and eight p.m., although much milk is sold after midnight. Patrons include men on their way home from work, hungry shoppers who don't want to drive to go to the store, and families who need milk on weekends and holidays.

Bulgaria Again Calls The Toasts

Moscow, Aug. 22.
Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Defence Minister, proposed a toast tonight to the American, British and French Armies which helped liberate Rumania in World War II.

Marshal Bulganin proposed the toast during a reception at the Rumanian Embassy marking the 10th anniversary of the liberation. It was also reported that he toasted the US Ambassador, Charles Bohlen, the British charge d'affaires, Cecil Parrott, and the French charge d'affaires, Jean Le Roy, all of whom were present.

MAIN BURDEN
Marshal Bulganin was said to have toasted "the Soviet armies which bore the main burden of the liberation of Rumania, but we must not forget the American, British, French, Hungarian, Yugoslav, Czechoslovak, Polish and Rumanian armies." Observers noted that he included the US, Britain, France and Yugoslavia among the liberators of Rumania.

The Deputy Premier, Lazar Kaganovich, and other Soviet officials, attended the reception but neither Premier Georgi Malenkov nor the Foreign Minister, V.M. Molotov, was there.—United Press.

US Armed Forces Spending

The United States armed forces spent about \$1,500,000,000 abroad last year but will spend even more this year, the Department of Commerce reported today.

These dollar earnings were a major factor in the economic recovery of the Western European countries, and provided a large part of the fuel needed by Japan and other Far Eastern nations for United States agricultural and industrial products.—United Press.

Manila, Aug. 23.
Panama has been set up behind about 100 miles of Asia treaty boundaries, but although the ICAO is working on a plan to open the Panama Canal to air traffic, the ICAO is not yet ready to make a decision on the matter.—United Press.

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Our Weekly Aviation News



The Folland Midge, a prototype of the Gnat, the world's first light jet fighter. The Midge is fitted with an Armstrong Siddeley Viper turbojet engine of 1,640 lb thrust; the Gnat will have a Bristol Orpheus of three times that power. The Folland Midge had its first trials at the Ministry of Supply Airfield, at Boscombe Down, the makers—Folland Aircraft Ltd.—stated that they were a success. The firm plan to have the Midge in the flying programme at the annual Farnborough display. The makers claim that the Gnat will have a top speed of more than 600 mph, and will reach supersonic speed in a dive.—Express Photo.

Two Gnats & Crews Will Fit Into A Blackburn Beverley

Folland's Gnat which will be the production model of the Midge is expected to exceed the speed of sound in level flight. Two of these remarkable little fighters can be carried with their pilots and ground crews in one Blackburn Beverley. Capital Airlines' purchase of more Vickers Viscounts has boosted Britain's dollar income. With orders still coming in for the turbo-prop plane the company is unable to keep up with the demand.

There will be a number of novel features at the Farnborough Air Display this year, including the Jindivik which is an up-to-date version of the famous "George".

The Folland Midge, which made a successful first flight a week ago, breaks new ground. It is Great Britain's first light-weight jet fighter. It is a private venture in which Folland Aircraft have staked their faith.

Folland's faith is based on the reasoning that there is a need for a fighter which is of much smaller size than standard types and can be produced in very much larger quantities.

Viper ASV5

The Midge is a prototype from which the production model, the Gnat, is to be developed. The Midge is powered by an Armstrong Siddeley Viper ASV5 but the Gnat will have the Bristol Orpheus jet engine, with three times the power.

The Gnat will have a high subsonic speed in level flight, but will be capable of transonic speeds in a dive. The Midge is designed to have a top speed of more than 600 mph, and the performance of the Gnat, with its much more powerful engine, will therefore be even more impressive.

The clean design of the Midge can be judged from the fact that with only 1,640 lb of thrust it attains much the same speed as the Meteor, which established a world record of 600 mph in 1945, using more than 7,200 lb.

For small countries which can afford only limited sums for air defence, the Gnat is likely to be particularly attractive. Folland claim that the Gnat costs only one-third as much as a standard fighter, and requires one-fifth of the man-hours needed for its construction. These economies have been achieved partly by keeping weight and dimensions to the minimum, thereby giving the new Gnat a high degree of mobility.

With their wings removed, two Gnats can be carried complete with their pilots and ground crew in one Blackburn Beverley transport aircraft. The advantage of this feature when it is decided to provide air cover in a distant overseas theatre of war needs no emphasis.

It is hoped that the Midge will be exhibited at the SBAC Display in September.

Great Day

August 11, 1954 was a great day for British aviation. It saw not only the first flight of the Folland Midge, but also the announcement of the purchase of a further 27 Vickers Viscount aircraft, in addition to the

three already ordered. At the same time, Capital announced that it had obtained an option on a further 20 Viscounts, with a view to standardising its entire fleet with 60 of the extremely popular Vickers airliner.

If this standardisation is achieved, Capital will have to stock only one range of spares for all its aircraft and its maintenance and repair problems will be greatly simplified with resulting economy in operation.

This sale to Capital is the largest single sale ever made of any British airliner. It is also the largest order for a commercial dollar order for any export which has been placed with a British company since the war. It brings the total of Viscounts now ordered to 148, but the manufacturers foresee a likelihood of further orders before long. They are determined to keep delivery times down to under two years if possible, and are stepping up output at Huron (where the Viscounts are built) so that it will be possible to build 100 a year. This rate may prove insufficient to cope with the demand, and it is possible that a second Viscount production line will have to be established elsewhere.

The new purchase by Capital Airlines brings the British aircraft industry's order-book for gas-turbine airliners—Viscounts, Comets and Britannias—to a figure of 103 planes, valued at £71,495,000 for the aircraft alone, excluding the continuous supplies of spares which each sale brings.

Big overseas orders for service aircraft of the new types are also in the line, taking up the tally of the older types whose exports have been taking off in recent months. Outstanding among them is the Hawker Hunter for which overseas orders totalling £120,000,000 have now been booked.

In 1954, 202 companies will be exhibiting their products at the Static Display of equipment which is always one of the most interesting features of the SBAC Display. This figure compares with a total of 227 stands at the 1953 Exhibition. Below is a brief description of some of the novel features of the 1954 Display:

Air Service Training, of Harrogate, a company which has trained airline staff for several years, will be demonstrating a 1/12th scale model of a high speed towed target. The target is entirely metal-covered, and mainly of all-wing design, but a fuselage has been incorporated to house equipment and instrumentation at high altitudes. The target is still being developed, but already shows interest in it is being displayed.

The announcement, made this week, that the Government

has placed an order for the quantity production of Jindivik pilotless aircraft will lend added interest to the stand of Elliott's, of Lewisham, where the autopilot of a Jindivik will be displayed. This up-to-date edition of "George" can control a high-speed aircraft, provide full manoeuvrability and co-ordinate turns over a wide range of speeds and altitudes. "George" has been selected automatically the right attitude for landing. He is obviously a promising recruit.

Brakes

Now that the Vickers 1000 has been ordered as the first jet transport aircraft for the British Army, the Goodyear stand will be of considerable interest. It will show a development of the full circle brake which is used on the Trans-Australian Airways Viscount, constructed from a single disc. The new brake has dual discs, but employs the full-circle formula of its predecessor. It is intended for the Vickers 1000.

An indication of the power obtained by British jet engines today will be given on the stand of Heenan and Froude, a company which is exhibiting at the SBAC Display for the first time. Here the public will see jet test cradles capable of dealing with thrusts of up to 15,000 lb, which can nevertheless be easily moved from one airfield to another. These cradles can be used for testing almost any type of jet engine.

Transistors are always in the news nowadays, and Mullard Ltd., of London, are this year showing a complete intercom unit in which transistors have been used throughout. Instead of valves, considerable savings in space, weight and power consumption result.

The Council of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors has accepted the recommendation of the Society's Sales and Export Committee that a Flying Display and Exhibition be held in 1955.

Approval

Official approval has now been granted for an overhaul life of 1,000 hours for Gipsy Queen 70-3 and 70-4 engines installed in de Havilland Dove aircraft. This extension of overhaul life from 800 hours follows satisfactory test runs of 1,000 hours and the excellent record of reliability which has been demonstrated in actual service amounting to some 300,000 engine hours a year. More than 1,000 Gipsy Queen 70-3 engines have been built, 1,200 of which are in world service in Dove aircraft.

Currently, with this development, plans are in hand for a similar extension in overhaul life for the Gipsy Queen 80 Mk. 2, the power unit of the Heron. Built in the thousands with this engine, the Heron has been used in actual service extending up to 1,000 hours.

GIANT MERGERS Lead And Zinc In Danger Of U.S. Inflation

By John Morka

New York, Aug. 21.

Giant mergers—the successful Studebaker-Packard venture and the proposed Bethlehem Steel and Youngstown Sheet and Tube merger—were a major feature of the week in business in America.

The Youngstown-Bethlehem proposed merger may eventually turn out to be the most important of all, because it was the one which finally drew the long-feared criticism from Congress. Wall Street long has expected some Congressional reaction to the continuing series of mergers of major companies, some successful and some not so successful.

Rep. Emanuel Celler (New York City, Democrat) this week asked the Justice Department to block the proposed Bethlehem-Youngstown merger, charging that it would tend toward monopoly.

"It would result in gargantuan firm with assets of \$2,300,000,000 and would result in injurious concentration of production... with a deadly effect upon competition within the steel industry," Celler said. "It does harm to the steel industry and would be against the national interests."

Studebaker and Packard stockholders overwhelmingly approved their merger, as each agreed it was their last, best chance in business competition with General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler. "The Big Three," the merger wiped out the last two independents among the former and present auto-making firms. Now there are just six auto manufacturers—the "Big Three" and the "Little Three," which is made of Studebaker-Packard, Kaiser-Willys, and American Motors (Nash and Hudson).

MERGER QUESTIONED
Now the question arises whether these two companies by joining forces can find solutions to problems they were unable to cope with as separate units.

Another expert observer, wrote Ralph Hendershot, respected Financial Editor of the New York World-Telegram. Their trouble seemed to arise from inability to sell the cars they were able to produce... perhaps an even bigger question is whether the combined company will be able to provide better managerial abilities than each had as separate units.

Mergers are the order of the day, noted. "They have caught the imagination of the investment and to some extent the speculative fraternities. Mergers are supposed to provide a panacea to the unsuccessful and to make the successful even more successful."

Mergers effected for tax benefits or operating economy are understandable, but mergers just for the sake of merging are something else. Congressional interest in mergers undoubtedly will develop. A great deal of existing legislation affecting American business has its genesis in merger developments. Will 1954-55 be the exception or the rule?

Wall Street, noting Rep. Celler's blast, was afraid it would become the first move in writing new laws on business, particularly if the Democratic Party, presumably less friendly to big business, takes control of Congress in November elections.

GENERAL BUSINESS
Meanwhile, general business remains steady although still in a mild recession. In general retailing (outside autos) July sales were up 200-million dollars over June, and were well ahead of July 1953. Petrol sales in July totalled just over one billion dollars, ten per cent better than in July of 1953. Food sales totalled 3.7 billion dollars in July, far more than expected.

Auto sales were off 450 million dollars from June, and it was the poorest month since February, as prospective buyers apparently waited for 1954 models. The July figures were down 500 million dollars under July of a year ago. Sales for the Jan-June, 1954 period, Nash was 47 per cent down, Dodge lost 49.5 per cent, Studebaker 38 per cent, Plymouth 28.5 per cent, Pontiac ten per cent. Ford was the big winner of 45 per cent. Mercury picked up 25 per cent. Oldsmobile 14, Buick 8.3 per cent. Chevrolet, still was the leader, in auto sales with 605,424 for the Jan-June period, and Ford was close behind with 580,804. Mercury sold only 14,416 cars.

1949 National Bureau of Economic Research released employment charts, adjusted for seasonal factors, which indicate that unemployment in America was alarming. In July, about 3 1/2 million people were looking for jobs, and unemployment has declined about 500,000 from May. Newsweek magazine predicted President Eisenhower's 1955 programme will include a request to extend White House authority to make trade agreements. Plus a selective cutting on tariff rates by about 5 per cent a year, and a request for tax concessions to stimulate private investments in Europe, Latin America and the Far East.

Petrol prices rose at both wholesale and retail on the East Coast from .06 to .09 cent per gallon, as big companies finally worked off excessive stocks. The companies had cut refinery runs sharply months ago. Retail prices to the motorists now range from 23 or 24 cents a gallon.

The stock market continued its steady advance this week, and in the first two days of the week regained the final objective of the losses suffered in the profit-taking lull in days ago, when value of stocks dropped some three billion dollars. All segments of the market took part in the new advance.

STEEL SHARES

Steel still has shown no appreciable upturn in business. Operations this week were at 82.5 per cent of rated capacity, a decline of two per cent from last week. Advance orders also were slow. Iron Age magazine reported that steel operations would have been even lower if it were not for hard work by steel salesmen. Overall steel business in August will be about the same as July's total.

In commodities, the big story was the drop in coffee, due to the Brazilian Cruzeiro to the American dollar. Beche and Company of New York, a leading financial house, advised its customers that it believes the price will work much lower and told them to maintain short positions. For four straight days, the coffee futures market dropped the all months to new lows in the New York market. The textile market remained slow. Big carpet mills have been using their stocks of wool and have not as yet re-ordered although their business is reported improving. An easier lendency was reported.—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Aug. 23. World No. 4 sugar futures today closed 1 point higher to 1 point lower with sales of two contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to one point higher with sales of 164 contracts. World sugar futures ruled dull while traders awaited developments on the Cuban Sugar Initiative proposal for legislation some Cuban world sugar.

India reportedly on Friday bought 5,000 tons of Cuban raws, Sept. shipment at 8.19 cents a pound. France also was reported seeking to complete its scheduled purchase of raws from Cuba.

BRITAIN WINS BURMA CONTRACTS

London, Aug. 23. British Government contracts totalling £2,500,000 will take two British building firms to Rangoon to construct a pharmaceutical factory, an engineering college and other educational establishments. It was announced here today.

The contracts were initiated today at the Burmese Embassy by representatives of the Burma Government.—Reuter.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$718,045. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HSK Bank	1700	200	1710
East Asia	100		
INSURANCES	910	20	910
HSK Hotel	110		
DOCKERS, ETC.			
Wharf	2100	22	2100
Shanghai	1200	100	1300
Wheelock	710	735	400
LAND, ETC.			
HSK Hotel	1100	1100	1400
HSK Land	100	100	1100
Humphreys	1010	100	1100
Realty	2120	2170	
UTILITIES			
Star Ferry	130	100	130
United Ferry	150	100	150
C. Light (O)	1500	100	1600
C. Light (N)	1500	100	1600
Electric	20,000	2000	22,000
Telephone	2700		
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	2300	2300	500
Stops, ETC.			
Deity	2310	2600	2300
Watson	1700	1800	
COTTONS			
Textiles	600	1000	7
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yankee	4,120	4,120	

World Cotton Markets

New York, Aug. 23. Cotton futures today favoured downside in quiet and mixed dealings. At the close the list ruled off 4 to 11 points. Opening prices were off 2 to 6 points. New Orleans closed off 3 to 11 points. Trading volumes and open interest in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
Sept.	5,100	257,000
Oct.	2,200	107,000
Nov.	14,400	407,000
Dec.	24,000	623,000
Jan.	21,000	500,000
Feb.	3,300	100,000
Mar.	2,100	9,000
Apr.	2,000	27,000
May	15,000	1,000,000

Note: The New York cotton prices were not received.

NEW ORLEANS PRICES

New Orleans, Aug. 23. Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Month	Price
Sept.	33.00
Oct.	34.02
Nov.	34.02
Dec.	34.02
Jan.	34.02
Feb.	34.02
Mar.	34.02
Apr.	34.02
May	34.02
June	34.02
July	34.02
Aug.	34.02

LIVERPOOL PRICES

Liverpool, Aug. 23. Prices of American middling cotton futures, 16/16 inch, in pence per lb. closed today as follows:

Month	Price
Oct./Nov.	31.98
Dec./Jan.	31.83
Mar./Apr.	31.57
May/June	31.57
July/Aug.	31.57

SAO PAULO PRICES

Sao Paulo, Aug. 23. Cotton futures closing prices, in cruzero per kilo were as follows:

Month	Price
Oct.	26.50
Nov.	26.50
Dec.	26.50
Jan.	26.50
Feb.	26.50
Mar.	26.50
Apr.	26.50
May	26.50
June	26.50
July	26.50
Aug.	26.50

Exchange Rates

The rubber market was steady. Prices closed today in London as follows:

Month	Price
Sept.	105.00
Oct.	105.00
Nov.	105.00
Dec.	105.00
Jan.	105.00
Feb.	105.00
Mar.	105.00
Apr.	105.00
May	105.00
June	105.00
July	105.00
Aug.	105.00

Lead And Zinc In Danger Of U.S. Inflation

London, Aug. 23.

Outside the US lead and zinc are in danger of getting the rough side of the US inflation. The recent US stockpiling programme and other US political moves which were construed as bullish may turn out to be bearish.

President Eisenhower has stalled any decision about raising the US tariffs on lead and zinc. His action in raising the tariff on watches is unsuspicious but not conclusive. As a military man he regarded watches as a special case, on the ground that the US needs a watch-making industry as a nucleus for expanding the precision industries in wartime. Many American observers disagree, the Swiss disagree violently; but the President is entitled to his own opinion.

Most ominous is what the Tariff Commission recommended on the lead and zinc tariffs. All but one of its members want the President to raise them to respectively 240 per cent and 300 per cent of present levels; the odd one thinks that raising them to 200 per cent and 250 per cent would suffice.

LESSER EVIL

The President is known to be looking for some solution that would be a lesser evil for foreign suppliers, but these will not be cheap recommendations to buy off.

Merely by formal declaration that the 1939-45 war is over, the President would automatically raise the lead and zinc tariffs to 100 per cent and 200 per cent of present levels.

The new appropriation of \$380 million for stockpiling strategic and critical materials is primarily aimed at the US lead and zinc situation. Even for them it will not go so far as some people have supposed. About \$282 million of it is merely a bookkeeping transaction, enabling the stockpile to acquire stocks already held under the Defence Production Act.

COPPER

Copper may get a smoother side of the US inflation. It has no producer lobby comparable to that of lead and zinc, since the US has producer interests abroad as well as at home. Wage inflation has forced a small rise in the price of aluminium. So far as this is a competitive help to other metals, it is mainly to copper.

Looking further ahead, huge deposits of lead and zinc are known to exist in the Canadian

World Rubber Markets

Singapore, Aug. 23. The market opened lower on reports from the United States consumption for July but with sellers reserved, prices gradually advanced on trade covering and little factory buying.

Future closings were:

No.	1 rubber per lb.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
No. 1	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Aug. 23. Rubber futures today closed 10 to 24 points lower with sales of 87 contracts.

A good part was represented in intra-dealer switching operations, including September, December and December-July. The spot market ruled dull with no factory interest apparent. A small business included some No. 1 raw sheets, November, landed at 28 1/2 cents a pound. Spot No. 1 raw were quoted at 23 cents a pound nominal. Future closings were:

Month	Price
Sept.	23.10
Oct.	23.00
Nov.	23.00
Dec.	23.00
Jan.	23.00
Feb.	23.00
Mar.	23.00
Apr.	23.00
May	23.00
June	23.00
July	23.00
Aug.	23.00

AMSTERDAM MARKET

Amsterdam, Aug. 23. The rubber market was steady. Prices closed today in London as follows:

Month	Price
Sept.	105.00
Oct.	105.00
Nov.	105.00
Dec.	105.00
Jan.	105.00
Feb.	105.00
Mar.	105.00
Apr.	105.00
May	105.00
June	105.00
July	105.00
Aug.	105.00

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Aug. 23. Stock market valuations were pared nearly \$1,000,000,000 today but the session was a dull one—slowest in weeks—livened mainly by heavy demand for Montgomery Ward.

Stocks of the huge mail order house soared 5 1/2 points to 80 on a 10,000-share delayed opening. Climbed to a new high at 80 1/2 and held five points of the rise, with activity heaviest of the day.

Demand reflected news that financier Louis E. Wolfson, noted for acquiring control of several companies in recent years, is purchasing Montgomery Ward stock in the open market with an eye to unseating Chairman Sewell Avery at the annual meeting in April.

General Dynamics, the day's second most active issue, was another top performer, rising 3 points to 87 1/2. Bendix Aviation, up nearly 2 points, Douglas, 1 1/2 higher, and Boeing and United, each up almost a point, also stood out.

LATE LOSSES
Late large losses in lending chemical shares and declines in electric equipment issues featured on the downside.

Du Pont dropped 4 1/2 points, Allied Chemical 3 1/2, Union Carbide 1 1/2 points. General Electric fell 1 1/2 points, and Westinghouse Electric a point. For the general run of stocks, however, losses generally were small

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Woman Alone

IT was the time of day, in Tottenham Court Road, when the tide of traffic is on the turn. The evening rush-hour was over, the flow of those coming to the West End for pleasure had scarcely begun.

Round a corner, into the street, came a little woman whose mood seemed totally at odds with the general tranquillity. A little woman in a green coat, who wore her straight hair scraped back and tied by a bit of red, frayed ribbon. A little woman in whose plain face was written a good deal of unhappiness. Said her expression: "The world thinks nothing of me, because I am not beautiful. Very well, I think nothing of the world."

DON'T YOU DARE

THE name of the little woman was Alice. She might have been any age up to 50, but was in fact 27; and as she walked along the street, she brandished her fists in the faces of other women who passed, as if she would have liked to damage their greater beauty.

A good-looking woman, older than Alice, was waiting for a bus. Alice went up to her, shouted something, coughed and, as the older woman thought, spat deliberately in her face. Then Alice went on her way.

Two policemen appeared just then. The woman at the bus-stop told them what had happened. They followed Alice, and watched her strange antics. At last they arrested her for using insulting behaviour.

"Don't you dare to speak to me," Alice snapped. "I'm on my way to work." But the policemen took her to the station.

I NEVER CURSE

AT Great Marlborough Street next morning, Alice pleaded not guilty to the charge against her. The policemen told their story, then the woman from the bus-stop went into the witness-box.

"It was very unpleasant," she said, "but I wish now I hadn't made such a fuss. I didn't realise I would be getting this woman into so much trouble. Because really, a little thing like a spit can't be compared to such things as cruelty to animals, can it?"

"I'm afraid I don't follow that reasoning at all," said Mr Paul Bennett, VC the magistrate.

Alice, whose big, vivid, red mouth had been fixed in a queer, secret smile through all this, went into the witness-box. "Shaking my fist's a thing I never do, and I never curse," she said. "I doubt if there's anyone living who could even make me curse."

"Have you any idea why you were arrested?" the magistrate asked her.

"No, I suppose I bumped into someone by mistake. I was on my way to work. I do two jobs, see? One early in the day, the other later on."

"You seem to have a very busy time, how much do you earn?"

"Well, sometimes it's £3 10s a week, sometimes it's £3 15s."

"What? Altogether for the two jobs?"

"Certainly," Alice said. "One's cleaning, the other's helping in the kitchen of a restaurant. Something approaching triumph lit up her homely face. You could see how proud she was of her capacity for work, and of her earnings, which seemed so small to others, but so splendid to her."

GO ON YOUR WAY

"WELL, I'm going to discharge you now, but you must be careful, in the streets," the magistrate said gently. "You go off on your way. If you find at times that you want a little moral support, you come and see Mrs Grey here, the probation officer."

"Thank you, but I never ask for help," Alice said, not ungratefully, just stating a fact. Looks and murmurs of admiration for her pluck followed her as she left the court, but she paid them no heed, perhaps, did not recognise them. She was not accustomed to being admired.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

STATE LIBERALS LOOK FOR A NEW LEADER

By H. King Wood

Sydney, Aug. 20.

Both our Federal and State political scene has been full of interest this last week and it would not be surprising if the repercussions which follow in the near future are not pretty sweeping.

In New South Wales the Cahill Labour Government has decided to hold a referendum in November on the closing hour of hotels. The people will be asked if they want hotels to close at 6 p.m. (as at present) or 10 p.m.

That in itself isn't so bad, but the Government has said that clubs will also have to close at the same hours as hotels—and that has raised a storm.

In this State there are literally thousands of Returned Soldiers' Clubs, bowling clubs, golf clubs, workmen's clubs and all the rest of it where drink is served to about 11 p.m. If the Labour Government forces a 6 p.m. closing, for instance, it is just the same as putting up the shutters at 95 per cent of them, for in the main these clubs do their business at night.

Such a hue and cry has been raised, in fact—even from the Government's own supporters—that it will be very surprising if the issue isn't watered down before the vote.

In 1947 elections were asked if they wanted hotels to close at 6, 9 or 11 p.m. The 6 p.m. vote walked in by thousands. The State Liberal Party is also in trouble. For more than 12 years now it has been in the political wilderness, and with New South Wales becoming more and more industrial, its chances of pushing Labour off the Treasury benches seem fairly dim.

Trealt Resigns

For sometime there have been whispers that moves were afoot to shift the Party Leader, Vernon Trealt. These whispers must have had some foundation because Mr Trealt resigned. At a meeting of the Party this week four bulletins were read out without finding a new leader. The meeting was adjourned for a week when voting will begin again. If this fails to provide a new leader Mr Trealt may be asked to carry on—none of which seems to provide a very happy future for State Liberals.

Blissed shock of all was in the Federal sphere. Parliament staged what could have been the bitterest debate in its history on the Petrov affair. Such remarks as "You dirty little liar," "you cur," "you mongrel," and "you liar" floated into the thousands of homes that were listening to the debate over the National Broadcasting system.

One man we know selected that night to give his young family an insight of how a democratic parliament worked. After about half an hour of it he sent the young family to bed, vowing to let them find out about democracy as their years advance.

Having Hysterics

Uproset of it all was that Dr Evatt, Opposition Leader, appeared before the Petrov Royal Commission on behalf of two members of his staff who have been named.

Dr Evatt is a brilliant scholar, a former Justice of the High Court of Australia (he stepped down from the bench to contest Parliament) but even his most faithful supporters admit that if there is anything he should steer clear of he ends up being in it up to his neck.

It isn't as very long ago that he appeared before the High Court on behalf of the Communist Party—an incident that he is finding very hard to live down; now he appears before the Commission and from all accounts doesn't appear to a great deal of advantage.

At one stage of the proceedings this week the chairman, Mr Justice Owen said to him: "You can only ask questions, Dr Evatt. If you want to give evidence you will have to go into the box—this is a QC and one of the nation's brilliant jurists."

If Labour in New South Wales is having a hearty laugh about the Liberals, the Liberals in Canberra are having hysterics about the mess which Dr Evatt's boys are creating. The Government's "one-eyed" approach towards China was

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



PINAY SUGGESTS 18 MONTHS' TRIAL FOR E.D.C.

Paris, Aug. 23.

Former Premier Antoine Pinay launched an eleventh-hour attempt tonight to save the European Defence Community treaty by proposing that France agree to join in the pact on an 18-month trial basis.

M. Pinay, who is rated as the most likely candidate to succeed Premier Mendes-France if the present Government falls on a vote of confidence over EDC, was reported to have American support for his proposal, which he put forward at a night news conference.

"It is time to ratify in our turn the treaty of Paris," he said. "After having tried once again—before the Assembly debate if possible—for a final consultation with our Allies, we will have to decide the question of our own future. Such consultation would have as its object to ask them to agree to a probationary period for the application of the treaty. I would define this period as follows: a transitional period of 18 months called for in Article 10 of the military protocol should be considered a probationary period."

"At the end of this trial period, there would be called, on demand of one of the participating States, a conference which would have as its task to decide the necessary modifications based on this experiment. The period of 18 months could then be extended," said M. Pinay.

"The question before us now is to know if EDC will be created or won't be created. It is to know if EDC will be created with us or without us... it is to know if France will refuse her place in the six-nation community at the risk of losing her rank internationally. It is to know if we are going to choose the path of union or force or that of the perils of isolation."

M. Pinay launched his plan shortly after M. Mendes-France returned to France after his visit to Britain. High-France sources said the Premier was ready to bury the European Army treaty, to agree to restoration of West German sovereignty and then seek a new formula for West Germany's controlled rearmament.

According to Professor T. G. Hunter, Professor of Chemical Engineering at Sydney University, this country has not yet started to look for oil.

The Professor said it would take a lot of time and a lot of money before we can say that what Western Australia held in the way of oil.

"America is spending \$1,000 million a year on oil search and development," he said. "Each year it drills 50,000 wells and 40,000 of them produce oil. So we have a long way to go in this country."

Breweries Say Stop!
Sometime ago a few Sydney hotel keepers in an attempt to make drinking a little more civilised, installed 16 mm films in their bars.

The idea caught on and dozens of others followed. The publicans found they increased business, the drinkers liked them—and everybody was happy—except the breweries.

Last week the word went out. Stop the movies or no beer. One by one the projectors have clicked off.

The most powerful group in Australia—the breweries—have won another round.

DEATH OF AN ACTRESS

Allegedly Told Friend He Was A Black-Market Doctor

A man told the Criminal Sessions this morning that he introduced Lo Ko, unregistered doctor, accused of murder to Ng Sui-ping, a film actress who allegedly died of an abortion later.

The witness was Wong Yuk-fong, of 578 Nathan Road, first floor, who described himself as a former medical officer in the Canton Police and later in the Chinese Army.

Yesterday, it was stated in the Crown's opening that Wong and another man, Lee Kee-yuen, both of whom were originally implicated in the matter, had since been granted the Queen's Pardon.

The accused are Lo Ko, alias Law Hor, 44, and his daughter, Law Kin-lin, aged 17. They are on trial before Mr Justice J. R. Gregory, Judge, and a jury of five men and two women for allegedly murdering Ng Sui-ping, alias Ng Ngar-ye, a film actress on whom an abortion was said to have been performed, on May 15.

Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr Francis Woon of Messrs C. Y. Kwan and Co. is defending both accused. Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Detective-Inspector F. Indge-Buckingham.

The first witness this morning, Wong Yuk-fong told the Court he was a native of Toisan District. He had had experience in Chinese medicine, which he commenced practising in 1924. He first worked as a medical officer in the Canton Police and later in the 18th Division of the Chinese Army.

He first met the first accused in 1952, when he was introduced to him at a friend's place. About six months after, he met the first accused in the street. The first accused told him that if he had any friends, "who needed help," he could send them to him.

EYE SPECIALIST TOO
First accused told him further he was an eye specialist, as well as a gynaecologist. He said he could not get a licence to practise locally, and was a "black-market physician."

Witness said the first accused said that his treatment for "examinations and surgical attention."

Wong Yuk-fong went on to say that he first met Wong Ching-ping—the deceased's mother—in February or March this year. On subsequent visits to her house at 27 Nelson Street, he met her two daughters, the deceased and Ng Ngar-yuk.

On one occasion Wong Ching-ping asked him certain medical advice about the deceased, as a result of which he made out two Chinese prescriptions for persons suffering from suppressed menstruation.

MET IN TEA HOUSE
At this point, witness said that in case a patient was pregnant and took these particular prescriptions there would be no risk of abortion.

Continuing, he said Wong Ching-ping called at his house at 9 a.m. on May 13. It was agreed that they met in a tea-house. At the meeting in the tea-house, which was attended also by the deceased, witness said he told Wong Ching-ping about the first accused and of his treatment of women's ailments.

He told her he calculated the fee to be charged by the first accused would be \$400. That afternoon, at Wong Ching-ping's request, he went to her house, where he met Lee Kee-yuen for the first time.

On May 15, witness went on, at a meeting in the Singapore Cafe in Nathan Road, Wong Ching-ping gave him \$400. He then took the deceased with him to 70 Junction Road, where the first accused lived.

WENT INTO BACK ROOM
The doctor led him and the deceased to a back room, and there he introduced the doctor and the girl to one another. The doctor then gave orders for that room to be arranged in preparation for treatments.

Witness said he himself wrote down what he wanted to tell the first accused on a piece of paper. This was because the doctor spoke a mixed Szechuan and Shanghai dialect, and they could not understand one another very well.

He wrote this: "Ng Ngar-ye has suffered a suppression of menstruation for three or four months. Please examine her carefully. If you think you cannot do it, then don't force yourself to do it."—United Press.

Hearing is continuing.

He Carried Silver In Pineapple Tins

A Hongkong Police detective corporal was examining some tins of pineapple carried by a man off the s.s. Shengking on Thursday when he came across a tin that weighed about 160 taels.

The detective's suspicions were greatly aroused and he arrested the man on suspicion of importing gold.

The man, Chan Chun-tung, 29, was fined \$200 or one month in Mr Poon Chan-hoi at Central this morning for importing silver into the Colony without a licence. Defendant was cautioned on another charge of importing unmanifested cargo.

Mr Poon ordered that 1,044 taels of silver worth about \$5,000 to be confiscated and 70 tins of real pineapples to be returned to the defendant.

Sub-Inspector D. Furness told the Court that at 11.30 a.m. on August 19, acting on information, D/Cpl 1201 stationed himself at the THIRP TRIP.

At 11.30 a.m. the defendant came off the s.s. Shengking which was moored at the Custodian Wharf, carrying 12 tins of pineapple. The defendant went across the road to the Connaught Road Central, which was a money changer's shop.

After a while the defendant left the shop and went back to the ship.

He left the ship a second time carrying more tins of pineapples which he deposited at the money changer's shop.

After finding out that one of the tins weighed 160 taels the corporal arrested the defendant on suspicion of importing gold.

In the money-changer's shop, five open tins of pineapples were found with 10 pieces of silver.

In all there were 76 true tins of pineapples and seven tins containing 14 pieces of silver. The silver was 99 per cent pure, said Inspector Furness.

Franco-German Alliance Urged

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The advantages of the course he has chosen, avoiding an empty, deepening, confidence question, he improves his chances of staying in office and carrying out the economic "new deal" which he regards as his No. 1 objective.

Moreover, he can wash his hands of the whole treaty by telling the House the course of events of the past week and by pinning the full responsibility for the treaty on previous governments. He can avoid public blame by permitting the prerogative of the Assembly to say the final word.

NO REAPPRAISAL
Sources close to the Premier said he was satisfied there would be no "agonising reappraisal" in the United States as the consequence of his action. Franco can still control the pace of German rearmament by her veto power in NATO, he is quick to add.

Unless the U.S. co-operates with France in the search for acceptable alternatives, the entire NATO alliance may fall apart to the benefit of the Soviet Union—that's the crux of his argument. He is confident the United States will not cut its nose to spite its face.

The big question for the Premier was whether his Cabinet would buy his plan and permit him to emerge unscathed from his British failure. The betting tonight in informed political circles was that the Premier would pull it off. But the odds could be reversed in the rough political fighting which will take place in France the coming week.—United Press.

US Service Chiefs Here

Rear Admiral M. E. Murphy, Commander of the U.S. Naval Forces in the Marianas, and Brig. Gen. J. D. Caldwell, Commander of the U.S. Third Air Division, arrived here today for a few days' visit. They will remain in the Colony until the end of the month, in the course of an orientation trip. Both officers were accompanied by their wives.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hong Kong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

India-China, 5 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, & U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Bombay, Australia, & New Zealand, 6 p.m.
N. Borneo, Rabaul, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

Theft In Sassoon Rd

Two European-tenanted apartments at 217 Sassoon Road were burgled last night or early this morning and small sums of money and a few personal effects were taken.

Mrs L. A. Harris, of the first floor, lost \$15, a pen, a watch, a cigarette case and a lighter. She found her handbag hanging outside the window from the corner of the roof.

The burglars or burglars were presumed to have entered through one of the apartment's open windows.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, who live on the ground floor, lost a small sum of money, a camera and a watch. His wallet was found empty in the garden.

Soviet Plan For Asian Security

London, Aug. 23.
New Times, the Soviet periodical devoted to foreign affairs, suggested today that Japan, China, India, Indonesia, Burma and Ceylon should take part in talks on collective security in Asia, Asia, the Soviet news agency reported.

The journal which was commenting on the eight countries' conference due to open at Baguio on September 6 to discuss defence problems in Southeast Asia, said the talks would take place "without representatives from the Chinese, People's Republic, India, Indonesia, Burma, Ceylon and Japan, that is without countries in which the majority of the Asian population live."

"The Governments of most of these countries have a vital stake in Asian peace and no one will dispute their ability to make an independent contribution to a discussion of Asian collective security," Tass said.

"That, incidentally, is more than can be said of the Governments of Pakistan, Thailand and the Philippines, the three Asian members of the forthcoming conference, who already are closely tied up with Washington's aggressive policies," New Times said.

"That being the composition (of the conference) it should not be difficult to predict that all the questions at Baguio will be decided by the organizers of the meeting, that is by the three colonial powers—The United States, Britain and France," New Times added.

"The composition of the conference is, therefore, a serious obstacle to the realization of the conference's purpose, which is to discuss collective security," according to the article.—Haber.